

# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: March 5, 1959

FROM : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Baumgardner
- 1 - Mr. Donohue

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SUBJECT: KARL PRUSSIAN  
FORMER SAN FRANCISCO  
INFORMANT SF 1740-S

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W.C. Sullivan

Former informant Prussian who will appear as a witness for the HCUA in San Francisco in about ten days contacted San Francisco Office (SFO) on 3-2-59 and inquired if he could review reports he previously submitted as a Bureau informant. He advised that HCUA indicated he should attempt to refresh his memory, if possible, but did not specifically tell him to contact the FBI for his previous reports. He indicated he was very weak as to specifics and he desired to review his reports to insure accuracy and to avoid generalities. The confidential nature of Bureau records was explained to him and it was pointed out that the HCUA is not a part of the Executive Branch. SFO cautioned him to tell the truth in his future testimony and if there is any change in Bureau policy with regard to permitting him to review his reports he would be advised.

## OBSERVATIONS:

Prussian was member of CP 1933 to 1938 at one time being section organizer in Detroit. Dropped out for personal reasons and in 1947 and 1949 contacted SFO expressing desire to help FBI. Became informant in November, 1949, and for Bureau reactivated in CP 5-55. In June, 1958, he said he had talked with his attorney about publicizing his past in CP and in turn was in touch with a Hearst newspaperman to whom he disclosed Bureau connection. In view of disclosure he was discontinued as an informant 7-20-58. Since then he has voluntarily contacted SFO and said he would not drop out of the CP until he completed his plans to write his story. On 2-26-59 he appeared on a television show in Los Angeles in disguise and praised the efforts of the FBI and HCUA in combating communism. He said he would testify openly in a short time.

With regard to permitting Prussian to review his reports we have in the past permitted former informants such as Herbert Philbrick to review reports prior to their appearances in state trials but Prussian was discontinued for disclosing his Bureau relation despite his promise to keep that relation confidential. Prussian is not a Philbrick and he could very well use the review of his reports for his own benefit as well as testifying for HCUA. SFO has properly advised him in that regard and it is pointed out that he brought this up once before on 2-9-59 and he was told at that time by SFO that his reports were unavailable to him.

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Memorandum for Mr. Belmont  
RE: KARL PRUSSIAN  
61-9152

ACTION:

For approval there is attached an airtel to SFO advising that SFO instructed Prussian properly with regard to not permitting him to review his reports. Since he was discontinued for cause SFO is also being instructed to not encourage Prussian to furnish information which he may obtain as a result of his alleged current CP activity and if he does volunteer information it should be used for lead purposes only.

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2-27-59

TO DIRECTOR AND SAC, SAN FRANCISCO

FROM SAC, LOS ANGELES 271835

CONF. INFL.

KARL PRUSSIAN, FORMER SF 1740-S, BUREAU FILE 61-9152, SAN FRANCISCO FILE 134-7. PRUSSIAN APPEARED AS A DISGUISED GUEST ON THE TOM DUGGAN TV SHOW, KCOP, CHANNEL 13, FEBRUARY 26, 1959, 10 PM. PRUSSIAN, WHO WORE A FACE MASK AND FELT HAT, DESCRIBED SELF AS AN ACTIVE CP MEMBER IN STATE OF CALIFORNIA WITH NO MENTION OF CP DISTRICT. PRUSSIAN STATED APPROXIMATELY 2000 CP MEMBERS IN CALIFORNIA NOTING THERE ARE FOUR TO FIVE TIMES AS MANY INDIVIDUAL COMMUNISTS WHO ARE NOT CONNECTED TO A CLUB OR SECTION BUT WHO DO CP WORK AT OWN DISCRETION AND JUDGMENT. HE ELABORATED ON CURRENT CP PROGRAM OF INFILTRATION MASS ORGANIZATIONS INCLUDING PTA, EDUCATIONAL SYSTEMS, CHURCH LABOR GROUPS IN EVERY PHASE OF AMERICAN LIFE. HE SAID CP GREATER THREAT TODAY THAN AT ANY TIME IN ITS HISTORY BECAUSE OF REMAINING CP HARD CORE, INDIVIDUAL AMERICAN COMMUNISTS AND COMPLACENCY OF AMERICAN PEOPLE. HE ADVISED HE IS FURNISHING CURRENT INFORMATION TO GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND WAS PRAISEWORTHY OF FBI AND HCUA STATING THEIR HANDS SHOULD BE STRENGTHENED BY AMERICAN PUBLIC. HE SAID FBI AND HCUA WERE SUBJECT TO CONTINUAL SMEARS AND ATTACKS BY COMMUNISTS AND LEFT WINGED LIBERALS. HIS REMARKS APPEARED TO BE FACTUAL. HE EXPLAINED HE APPEARED IN DISGUISE SINCE CP NOT AWARE OF

Mr. Belmont

MR. BELMONT

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If the intelligence contained in the above message is to be disseminated outside the Bureau, it is suggested that it be suitably paraphrased in order to protect the Bureau's cryptographic systems.

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HIS COOPERATION WITH GOVERNMENT AGENCIES. HE STATED HE WOULD TESTIFY OPENLY IN SEVERAL MONTHS. A RECORDING WAS MADE OF ENTIRE BROADCAST AND UPON BEING TRANSCRIBED COPIES WILL BE FORWARDED BUREAU AND SAN FRANCISCO.

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TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: March 2, 1959

FROM : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

SUBJECT: KARL PRUSSIAN  
FORMER SAN FRANCISCO  
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CONF. INFO.1 - Mr. DeLoach  
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Former Informant Prussian on 2-26-59 appeared as a disguised guest on the Tom Duggan T.V. show, KCOP, Los Angeles. Prussian wore a face mask and felt hat and described himself as an active Communist Party (CP) member in State of California without naming the CP district. He said there are about 2,000 CP members with about four times as many individual communists not connected with a club but who do CP work at own discretion and judgment. Prussian elaborated on current CP program of infiltration of mass organizations such as PTA, educational systems, church, labor groups in every phase of American life. He said CP is greater threat today than at any time in its history because of remaining CP hard-core individual American communists and complacency of American people. He said FBI and HCUA were subject to continual smears and attacks by communists and left-wing liberals. Prussian said he is currently furnishing information to Government agencies and was praiseworthy of FBI and HCUA stating their hands should be strengthened by American public.

According to Los Angeles Office Prussian's remarks appear to be factual and he explained he appeared in disguise since CP not aware of his cooperation with Government agencies and he would testify openly in several months.

Background of Prussian

Prussian was member of CP 1933 to 1938 at one time being section organizer in Detroit. Dropped out for personal reasons and in 1947 and 1949 contacted San Francisco Office (SFO) expressing desire to help FBI. Became informant in November, 1949, and for Bureau reactivated in CP 5-55. In June, 1958, he said he had talked with his attorney about publicizing his past in CP and in turn was in touch with a Hearst newspaperman to whom he disclosed Bureau connection. In view of disclosure he was discontinued as an informant 7-20-58. He has been friendly and said he would not drop out of CP until he completed his plans to write his story. HCUA has been in touch with Prussian and intends to use him as a witness in forthcoming hearings on West Coast. Prussian has been contacted by SFO and instructed to stick to the truth if he testifies and make certain he can back up what he says.

ACTION:

None. This is for information. SFO and Los Angeles have been instructed to remain alert to this situation and keep the Bureau advised of any current developments.

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SAC, Detroit

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KARL PRUSSIAN  
(Former SF 1740-S)

ReSFlet 5-4-59 concerning inquiry by Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), Detroit, as to whether subject's name may be furnished to INS for interview in connection with Stanley Nowak.

According to reflet, Prussian, who is no longer an active informant, has advised that his name can be furnished to INS and he is willing to be interviewed by that Service as a possible witness against Nowak. He asked that his name not be used in reports until after public disclosure of his activities as an informant. You recommended that information furnished by Prussian concerning Nowak be given to INS but that Prussian's identity be concealed.

Since Prussian is not an active informant and has indicated a desire to be interviewed by INS, it is not possible to conceal his identity. Detroit should therefore contact INS and furnish Prussian's name and advise that he is willing to be interviewed as a possible witness against Nowak. INS should also be told that Prussian has not been disclosed as yet, and he has asked that his name not be used in reports until after public disclosure of his activities as an informant. Background data should also be furnished to INS at that time, particularly any derogatory information so that INS can give full consideration to the utilization of Prussian as a witness.

2 - San Francisco (134-7) (100-36926)

1 - 39-832 (Stanley Nowak)

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (61-9152)

DATE: 5/4/59

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (134-7)

SUBJECT: KARL PRUSSIAN  
(FORMER 1740-S)

Re Detroit letter, 3/30/59, which inquired re furnishing PRUSSIAN's name to the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) for interview by that Service concerning information he has furnished on Detroit Subject STANLEY NOWAK, who is also of interest to INS, Detroit.

PRUSSIAN, who lives at 6686 Bollinger Road, San Jose, California, was interviewed April 22, 1959. He viewed photographs of STANLEY NOWAK and stated these are identical with the man on whom he previously furnished information. PRUSSIAN said his name can be furnished to INS and he is willing to be interviewed by that Service as a possible witness against NOWAK. He asked that his name not be used in reports until after public disclosure of his activities as an informant.

It is the recommendation of this office that the information PRUSSIAN has furnished be given to INS with informant's identity concealed. It is recommended that his name be furnished INS only if INS specifically asks for his identity.

Informant has previously indicated he will not attempt to publicize his book until and unless he is publicized as a former Communist Party (CP) member who has cooperated with the U. S. Government. While he has not said so specifically, it may be that his financial difficulties have him in the situation where he actually wants to be so publicized in order that his book will have acceptance. For this reason, it might be wise not to hurry the day when he will testify publicly.

The Bureau is requested to advise Detroit and San Francisco.

CCs: 2-Bureau (REG)

1-Detroit (105-1052 - STANLEY NOWAK)

2-San Francisco (134-7)

(100-36926 - S. NOWAK)

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KARL PRUSSIAN  
(FORMER SF 1740-S)

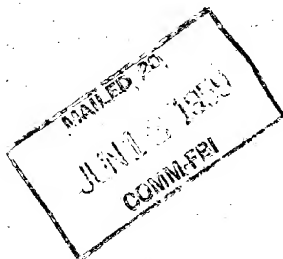
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There is no objection to advising Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) as recommended in reflet to the effect that if the information attributed to Prussian is deemed of value to INS, his identity can be provided to that Service. If INS replies in the affirmative, Prussian's identity and background should then be provided to INS.

2 - San Francisco (134-7) (100-36926)

1 - 39-832 (Stanley Nowak)

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (61-9152)

DATE: June 5, 1959

FROM : SAC, Detroit (100-1828)

SUBJECT: KARL PRUSSIAN  
(FORMER SF 1740-S)ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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DATE 4/24/00 BY SP2ALM/elj

Re SF letter to Detroit dated January 23, 1959, captioned "STANLEY NOWAK, SM - C," Detroit letter to SF dated March 30, 1959, captioned "STANLEY NOWAK, SM - C," SF letter to the Bureau dated May 4, 1959, and Bureau letter dated May 20, 1959.

In referenced SF letter dated January 23, 1959, certain information pertaining to association of one STANLEY NOVAK of Detroit with officials of the Communist Party (CP) was set forth in a statement dated January 20, 1959, which was furnished by Former SF 1740-S.

By Detroit letter dated March 30, 1959, photographs were furnished to SF to be exhibited to former SF 1740-S to determine if the STANLEY NOVAK referred to in his statement is identical to STANLEY NOWAK, Editor-in-Chief of the "Glos Ludowy," Detroit, Michigan.

It was also requested that Detroit be advised if this information and the identity of Former SF 1740-S could be furnished to the Detroit Office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) considering the probability that INS might desire to interview Former SF 1740-S. The Bureau's and San Francisco's attention is called to the fact that INS at Detroit has not requested to have the identity of Former SF 1740-S made available to that Service. However, it is believed that if the information is furnished to INS, Former SF 1740-S could be a valuable witness for any future denaturalization hearing involving NOWAK and as such could be beneficial to that Service.

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- ② - Bureau (REGISTERED)
  - 2 - San Francisco (REGISTERED)
    - (1 - 100-36926; 1 - 134-7)
  - 2 - Detroit
    - (1 - 105-1052)

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SF in their letter to the Bureau dated May 4, 1959, pointed out that Former SF 1740-S, who lives at 6686 Bollinger Road, San Jose, California, on April 22, 1959, viewed the photographs of STANLEY NOWAK and stated that he is identical to the man on whom he previously furnished information.

Former SF 1740-S advised that his name can be furnished to INS, and he is willing to be interviewed by that Service as a possible witness against NOWAK, however, he requested that his name not be used in reports until after possible disclosure of his activities as an informer.

SF recommended that the information PRUSSIAN has furnished be given to INS with the Informant's identity concealed and that his name be furnished to INS only if that Service specifically asks for his identity.

According to Bureau letter dated May 20, 1959, it would appear that the Bureau is under the impression that INS has already requested that the identity of Former SF 1740-S be made available. Such is not the case, however, it would appear that a request for informant's identity could logically be anticipated, especially if INS was aware of the fact that this individual is available for interview.

It is believed that the information pertaining to NOWAK as furnished by Former SF 1740-S could logically be furnished to the Detroit Office of INS with the Informant's name concealed with the notation that if this information is deemed of value by INS, the identity of the Informant, who is available for interview, could be furnished to that Service.

If INS deems the information of sufficient value to warrant an interview of the Informant, the identity and background of Former SF 1740-S could be furnished to the Detroit INS at that time. If INS does not feel that the information is of sufficient value to interview the Informant, there is no necessity for furnishing the identity of the Informant.

The Bureau is requested to consider approval and authorization of the above suggestion so that the information can be made available to the Detroit Office of INS for possible utilization by that Service.

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For the information of San Francisco, the United States Attorney's Office, Detroit, advised on September 8, 1958, that on May 26, 1958, the denaturalization case of STANLEY NOWAK was remanded back to the United States District Court, Detroit, through the United States Court of Appeals, Cincinnati, Ohio, by the United States Supreme Court with the opinion that proof was not established, according to the Supreme Court's stand, of meaningful association. It is believed that the INS may consider a new hearing pertaining to NOWAK's denaturalization.

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TO : Director, FBI (61-7582)

FROM: SAC, San Francisco (100-36935)

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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES  
PROPOSED HEARINGS, SAN FRANCISCO AND LOS ANGELES,  
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ReSFairtel 4/14/59.

On 5/25/59 WILLIAM A. WHEELER, West Coast Representative, HCUA, advised that public and executive session hearings will be held in San Francisco 6/17-19/59. CARL PRUSSIAN, former SF 1740-S will testify in open session that he was a member of the Communist Party and also that [redacted] was also a CP member and that at a meeting of the Palo Alto Club of the Communist Party a resolution was passed to drop [redacted] from membership so that [redacted] could apply for a teacher's credential and in good faith sign the Calif. loyalty oath. WHEELER stated that thereafter [redacted] who is being subpoenaed, will also testify in open session and that others subpoenaed in executive session. He stated that the theme of the hearing based on PRUSSIAN's testimony will raise the question that since [redacted] resigned from the CP in order to obtain teaching credentials, how many other teachers also resigned from the Communist Party because of the loyalty oath to enter the teaching profession although still believing in Communist Party principles.

WHEELER stated that a final decision had not yet been made as to the identities of approximately 35 individuals on whom subpoenas will be served. It is noted of the names mentioned by him, all are included in reSFairtel of 4/14/59 and all of their files have already been processed in accordance with Bureau instructions in regard to individuals to be subpoenaed.

- 5 - Bureau (AM REG) (1-61-9152-CARL PRUSSIAN)  
(1-100-389346-[redacted])
- 3 - San Francisco (1-134-7-CARL PRUSSIAN)  
(1-100-35132-[redacted])

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|  | Bufile 100-378231. |

Where warranted a report suitable for dissemination will be prepared for the latter named four subjects and where a report is not submitted, a letter under the individual case file will advise why a report will not be forthcoming.

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Date: 6/24/59

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (61-9152)  
FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (134-7)  
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FORMER SF 1740-S

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Re San Francisco let to Director 2/10/59.

PRUSSIAN, on 6/22/59, advised that on 6/17/59 he met in Oakland with a group of persons interested in combatting Communism. A tentative name has been selected by the group as the All-America Society. Included besides PRUSSIAN are several members of the California State Legislative Committee on Un-American Activities, members of the American Legion Americanism Committee, and [redacted] of Oakland, California, [redacted] Public Relations Agency. WILLIAM WHEELER, West Coast Representative of the HCUA, attended this meeting but is not to be a member of the Society.

PRUSSIAN said the Society has been promised \$100,000 by [redacted] Reno gambling casino, who will be a member. The group discussed membership and decided the Society would have a closed membership to prevent infiltration by Fascist elements such as the GERALD K. SMITHS, et al.

PRUSSIAN said that some of the aims and purposes as discussed on 6/17/59 were to expose the dangers and methods of operation of Communists through films, art exhibits, writings, lectures to Service Clubs, and students; a program of rehabilitating refugees from Iron Curtain countries; providing social and economic security for ex-Communists by providing aid in the form of funds and jobs; urging defection of Communists by offering social and economic security.

PRUSSIAN states he will advise on progress of instant organization.

CCs: 3-Bureau (REG)  
1-San Francisco

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Approved: 60 JUL 6 1959 Special Agent in Charge

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URGENT 8-12-59

TO DIRECTOR

FROM SAC SAN FRANCISCO 122208

CONF. INFO

KARL PRUSSIAN, FORMER/SF 1740-S. BUFILE 61-9152. JOHN MONTGOMERY, REPORTER, OAKLAND TRIBUNE NEWSPAPER, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, ADVISED TODAY PRUSSIAN GAVE SPEECH AT LYONS CLUB, OAKLAND, TODAY, ANNOUNCING THAT HE HAD BEEN CP MEMBER UNTIL NOON TODAY AND THAT HE WAS A FORMER INFORMANT FOR FBI. SPEECH THEN DEALT WITH WHAT PRUSSIAN FELT WAS COMMUNIST THREAT IN CALIFORNIA. MONTGOMERY REQUESTED VERIFICATION OF INFORMANT STATUS OF PRUSSIAN. HE WAS ADVISED FBI COULD MAKE NO COMMENT REGARDING PRUSSIAN AND COULD NOT VOUCH FOR HIM, BUT THAT HE DID SERVE AS AN INFORMANT FOR FBI IN CONNECTION WITH SECURITY MATTERS FOR A PERIOD EXTENDING FROM NOVEMBER, 1949 TO JULY, 1958, DURING WHICH TIME HE WAS COMPENSATED FOR INFORMATION FURNISHED. MONTGOMERY WAS ALSO INFORMED THAT PRUSSIAN WAS NEVER AN SA OF THE FBI. ABOVE INFORMATION GIVEN MONTGOMERY SINCE IDENTICAL INFORMATION WAS FURNISHED BY BUREAU TO DAVE SENTNER OF HEARST NEWSPAPER ORGANIZATION ON NOVEMBER 20, 1958, AS REFLECTED IN BULET TO SAN FRANCISCO NOVEMBER 25, 1958..

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Mr. Belmont

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (61-9152)

DATE: 9/10/59

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (134-7)

SUBJECT: KARL PRUSSIAN  
Former SF 1740-S

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DATE 4/24/00 BY SP2AM/clj

Re San Francisco radiogram 8/12/59 in which you were advised that PRUSSIAN on that date in a speech before the Lions Club of Oakland, California, publicly disclosed himself as a former FBI informant. Since that time he has received some local publicity the result of anti-Communist speeches before Lions Clubs and other civic groups. The "San Francisco Chronicle", a San Francisco daily newspaper carries a daily column written by HERB CAEN. In its 8/28/59 issue in the column captioned "HERB CAEN", the following item appeared:

"Karl Prussion of the Peninsula, the former FBI informer who was prepared to Tell All about Bay Area teachers to the Un-American Activities Comm., appeared before the Sunnyvale Lions Club the other night and found himself on a spot. The hall was loaded with teachers--all of 'em angry. And When a Sunnyvale newsman demanded: 'Can you name one Communist teacher in this area--even one?' Prussion backed down with a meek 'No'."

PRUSSIAN advised on 8/7/59 that he, through his Attorney, has written the "Chronicle" and CAEN, advising he is suing them jointly for libel. He said he has a tape recording of his entire speech, including the questions and answers that followed and that CAEN's article is totally inaccurate.

On 8/4/58 the action required by Section 107Q of the Manual of Instructions was taken as to PRUSSIAN. In view of his recent public disclosure of his former status, a letter is being prepared advising interested offices of his new status in accordance with instructions in the above section of the manual.

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1 - San Francisco  
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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: October 19, 1959

FROM : M. A. Jones

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SUBJECT: INQUIRY RE KARL PRUSSIAN  
FORMER SAN FRANCISCO  
INFORMANT. SF 1740 - S

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SUNNYVALE, CALIFORNIA

## BACKGROUND:

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In a telegram to the Director, received on October 17, 1959, [redacted] Sunnyvale, California, requests confirmation or denial of previous employment of captioned informant. [redacted] indicates he is an active political worker and plans to help Prussian combat communist activity.

## INFORMATION IN BUFILES REGARDING PRUSSIAN:

Prussian was a member of the Communist Party (CP) from 1933 until 1938, and at one time was section organizer in Detroit. He dropped out for personal reasons and in 1947 and 1949, contacted our San Francisco Office expressing a desire to help the FBI. In November, 1949, he became an informant and in May, 1955, was reactivated in CP for the Bureau. In June, 1958, he said he had talked with his attorney about publicizing his past in the CP and in turn was in touch with a Hearst newspaperman to whom he disclosed his Bureau connection. In view of this disclosure on July 20, 1958, he was discontinued as an informant. Since his discontinuance, he has been friendly, and according to our files, the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) intended to use him as a witness during hearings on the West Coast in June, 1959.

On February 26, 1959, Prussian appeared as a disguised guest on a Los Angeles television show. He wore a face mask and felt hat during this appearance and described himself as an active CP member in the State of California, without naming the CP district. Among other things, he said that the CP is a greater threat today than at any time in history and added that the FBI and HCUA were subject to continual smears by communists and left-

Enclosure

1 - Mr. DeLoach - Enclosure

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wing liberals. Prussian was praiseworthy of the Bureau and HCUA during this television appearance.

During a speech before the Lions Club of Oakland, California, on August 12, 1959, Prussian publicly disclosed himself as a former FBI informant and since that time received local publicity as the result of anticommunist speeches before this club and other civic groups. In an August 28, 1959, issue of the San Francisco Chronicle, in a column captioned "Herb Caen", an item appeared concerning Prussian's speech before the Sunnyvale Lions Club. This item indicated that the hall was loaded with teachers and when a Sunnyvale newspaperman asked if Prussian could name a communist teacher in that area, he backed down with a meek, "no". As a result of this incident, Prussian advised our San Francisco Office that he was suing the newspaper and Caen jointly for libel in that Caen's article was totally inaccurate.

#### PREVIOUS INQUIRY REGARDING PRUSSIAN'S STATUS:

On November 18, 1958, Dave Sentner of the Hearst organization in Washington said that the "San Francisco Examiner" was considering dealing with Prussian in the preparation of some material on communism. Sentner indicated that the "Examiner" wished to know if Prussian had been an informant or an undercover man, and what we think of him. At that time, the Director approved the recommendation that Sentner be advised we could make no comment concerning Prussian, could not vouch for him but that he did serve as an informant in security matters for us from November, 1949, to July, 1958. Also that during this time, he was compensated for information furnished but was never a Special Agent of the FBI.

#### OBSERVATIONS:

This appears to be a matter for the SAC at San Francisco to resolve. We are unable to identify Bauer, the source of the inquiry, and we do not know why he wants the information or what he plans to do with it or if he is a person with whom we should cooperate. Further, we cannot overlook the possibility that Prussian has become involved in a political controversy in which the Bureau should not become involved. However, if Bauer's inquiry is legitimate and there is no reason why we should not

Jones to DeLoach Memorandum  
Re: Karl Prussian

comply with his request, it is believed he should be furnished with the same information concerning Prussian as we previously gave Dave Sentner.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached teletype to SAC, San Francisco be approved and forwarded.

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TO SAC SAN FRANCISCO

FROM DIRECTOR FBI

INQUIRY RE KARL PRUSSIAN, FORMER SF 1740 - S, RESEARCH (CRIME  
RECORDS DIVISION). BY TELEGRAM DATED OCTOBER 16 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SUNNYVALE, CALIFORNIA REQUESTS CONFIRMATION  
OF PRUSSIAN'S PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT WITH FBI. [REDACTED] NOTES HE  
IS AN ACTIVE POLITICAL WORKER AND THAT HE PLANS TO HELP  
PRUSSIAN COMBAT COMMUNIST ACTIVITY. HE IS NOT IDENTIFIABLE IN  
BUFILES. YOU SHOULD IDENTIFY [REDACTED] AND IF NOT PRECLUDED BY  
DATA IN FILE, CONTACT HIM AND FULLY DEVELOP REASONS FOR  
REQUEST. IF APPROPRIATE, FURNISH [REDACTED] WITH SAME INFORMATION  
REGARDING PRUSSIAN AS PREVIOUSLY GIVEN DAVE SENTNER IN  
NOVEMBER, 1958. ADVISE BUREAU NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 23 NEXT  
RESULTS YOUR INQUIRY.

- 1 - MR. DELOACH - Sent with cover memo.
- 1 - MR. BELMONT - Sent with cover memo.

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NOTE: See Jones to DeLoach memo captioned Inquiry Re Karl Prussian,  
Former San Francisco Informant, SF 1740 - S, [REDACTED] Sunnyvale, Calif.  
of same date. Bufiles reflect that San Francisco Office advised of Sentner's  
inquiry and the information furnished him in November, 1958.

Follow-up made for 10-23-59. COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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R G BAUER ACTIVE POLITICAL WORKER

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Mr. Belmont

MR. DELOACH

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INQUIRY RE KARL PRUSSIAN, FORMER SF 1740-S, RESEARCH (CRIME RECORDS DIVISION): REBUTEL OCTOBER 20 LAST. [REDACTED]

IDENTIFIED AS [REDACTED] SUNNYVALE,

CALIFORNIA. NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION SF FILES RE [REDACTED]

AND [REDACTED] CONTACTED OCTOBER 20 LAST AND IT WAS DETERMINED

[REDACTED] EMPLOYED [REDACTED] SUNNY-

VALE, AND BOTH HE AND WIFE ACTIVE YOUNG REPUBLICANS. HAD ATTENDED SPEECH BY PRUSSIAN LOS ALTOS, CALIFORNIA, AND THOUGHT HIS PRESENTATION EXCELLENT AND MADE ACQUAINTANCE PRUSSIAN, WHO SUBSEQUENTLY ADVISED THEM HE WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO ADDRESS ANY GROUP IN SUNNYVALE AREA THAT THEY COULD ARRANGE APPEARANCE BEFORE. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] APPEAR EXTREMELY ANTI-COMMUNIST AND STATED THAT PRIOR TO ARRANGING APPEARANCE BEFORE YOUNG REPUBLICAN GROUP, SUNNYVALE, DESIRED KNOW IF PRUSSIAN WAS ACTUALLY FORMER FBI INFORMANT.

[REDACTED] ADVISED BUREAU COULD MAKE NO COMMENT RE PRUSSIAN OR VOUCH FOR HIM BUT HE DID SERVE AS INFORMANT SECURITY MATTERS 1949-1958, DURING WHICH TIME COMPENSATED FOR INFORMATION FURNISHED. [REDACTED] ADVISED PRUSSIAN WAS NEVER SA, FBI. [REDACTED] APPRECIATIVE PERSONAL CONTACT AND EXPRESSED STRONG ADMIRATION WORK OF BUREAU IN COMMUNIST FIELD AND ADMIRATION DIRECTOR.

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October 28, 1959

*Ben Prusskind*  
~~KARL PRUSSIAN~~ - *Summary*  
also known as ~~Ben Prusskind~~  
Born: January 31, 1910  
Brooklyn, New York

Reference is made to your file number  
All 822 294.

The captioned individual was active in the Communist Party and the Young Communist League from 1933 until approximately 1938 in the Detroit, Michigan, area. At one time he rose to the position of organizer and was considered as a candidate for the Lenin School in Moscow. According to his own statement he dropped out of the Communist Party in about 1938 due to personal reasons.

Prussian furnished information of a security nature to this Bureau from November, 1949, to July, 1958, at which time this relationship was terminated because he made his activities known outside of official channels. (61-9152-31,69)

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NOTE: INS request form spells subject's name, Prussion. Prussian was reactivated in Communist Party 5/55. In June, 1958, he contacted/Hearst newspaperman to whom he disclosed Bureau connection. In view of disclosure he was discontinued 7-20-58.

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This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency. This is in answer to your request for a check of FBI files.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
ATTENTION: CRIME RECORDS DIVISION

DATE: 3/1/60

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK

SUBJECT: KARL PRUSSION  
Box 396  
Los Altos, California

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Re NY telephone call to Inspector KEMPER, 2/29/60

I am enclosing a copy of a letter dated 2/18/60 received by former President HERBERT HOOVER from one KARL PRUSSION, Box 396, Los Altos, California.

This letter was turned over to the NY Division by Miss BERNICE MILLER, Mr. HOOVER's personal secretary, just prior to her departure for Miami, Florida, with Mr. HOOVER on 2/27/60.

The indices of the NY Division are negative on KARL PRUSSION.

In turning over this letter, Miss MILLER stated that President HOOVER had instructed her to furnish it to the FBI in view of PRUSSION's statement that he was an informant for the Bureau of Communist activity.

Consequently, this is being submitted to the Bureau for its information and no further action is being taken by this office, UACB. A copy of this letter is being furnished to San Francisco for its information.

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February 18, 1960

Mr. Herbert Hoover  
Stanford  
California

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have read your recent statements on the subject of communism with great interest and concern, and am fully in accord with your thinking on the subject. For the past twelve years I have been an informant for the F. B. I. in this area on communist activity. I am, therefore, able to substantiate in fact all of your thinking.

After twelve years with the F. B. I. I came to the conclusion that the manner in which we are fighting the communists has been a complete and utter failure. I had been carefully witnessing communist infiltration, direct and subtle, into our political, social, and economic institutions. I feel that the reason why the communists are making startling progress in their efforts to hasten the day when "the prerequisites for the seizing of power" are met, is that free enterprise is indeed not organized. There is a great need for such an organization - one that could change the complacency of our citizenry to an acute awareness of the danger; this awareness to express itself in strong legislation to contain and destroy this menace.

After reaching full agreement with the F. B. I. and the Committee on Un-American Activities, I publicly announced my break with the Communist Party at an Oakland Lions Club, on August 12, 1959. The Committee had agreed to follow up immediately with the investigation of subversive activity in this area. I have been swamped with requests to speak before many civic organizations, and I have spoken, and shall continue to speak, on the subject as long as I am physically able.

I have learned that, unfortunately, the Committee on Un-American Activities is not going to have a hearing, because it is a Democratic Committee, and is selling its conscience for votes. My testimony would show, definitely, a widespread infiltration into the Democratic Party, as well as into church and civil organizations. The Democrats do not want a hearing, because obviously it would hurt them in the forthcoming election. The Committee has not kept its promise to me, and as a result I and my family have been subjected to Communist economic and social attrition. It has made it almost impossible for me to obtain employment, and I do qualify in many fields of endeavor. I

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am 50 years old, and have two children, 8 and 13 years old.

I want to continue in the fight against Godless materialism, but have reached the point of near destitution. I believe that all mankind is born in the spirit and image of God, and all I want to do is reflect the truth and make the truth a reality through the forthcoming reawakening. You, Mr. Hoover, are the man who is, and should be, sparking such a reawakening.

I would be most grateful if you could spare me some of your valuable time, to discuss this most critical problem in more detail. If you want to see me I'll hitchhike. My situation is indeed desperate, and I am asking you, in all humility, for help in my efforts to obtain a job, so that I can continue to live, and fight for our Christian principles.

Very sincerely yours,

/s/ Karl Prussion

Mr. Karl Prussion  
Box 396  
Los Altos, California

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FEBRUARY 18, 1960

MR. HERBERT HOOVER  
STANFORD  
CALIFORNIA

DEAR MR. HOOVER:

I HAVE READ YOUR RECENT STATEMENTS ON THE SUBJECT OF COMMUNISM WITH GREAT INTEREST AND CONCERN, AND AM FULLY IN ACCORD WITH YOUR THINKING ON THE SUBJECT. FOR THE PAST TWELVE YEARS I HAVE BEEN AN INFORMANT FOR THE F.B.I. IN THIS AREA ON COMMUNIST ACTIVITY. I AM, THEREFORE, ABLE TO SUBSTANTIATE IN FACT ALL OF YOUR THINKING.

AFTER TWELVE YEARS WITH THE S.B.I. I CAME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT THE MANNER IN WHICH WE ARE FIGHTING THE COMMUNISTS HAS BEEN A COMPLETE AND UTTER FAILURE. I HAD BEEN CAREFULLY WITNESSING COMMUNIST INFILTRATION, DIRECT AND SUBTLE, INTO OUR POLITICAL, SOCIAL, AND ECONOMIC INSTITUTIONS. I FEEL THAT THE REASON WHY THE COMMUNISTS ARE MAKING STARTLING PROGRESS IN THEIR EFFORTS TO HASTEN THE DAY WHEN "THE PREREQUISITES FOR THE SEIZING OF POWER" ARE MET, IS THAT FREE ENTERPRISE IS INDEED NOT ORGANIZED. THERE IS A GREAT NEED FOR SUCH AN ORGANIZATION - ONE THAT COULD CHANGE THE COMPLACENCY OF OUR CITIZENRY TO AN ACUTE AWARENESS OF THE DANGER; THIS AWARENESS TO EXPRESS ITSELF IN STRONG LEGISLATION TO CONTAIN AND DESTROY THIS MENACE.

AFTER REACHING FULL AGREEMENT WITH THE F.B.I. AND THE COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES, I PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED MY BREAK WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY AT AN OAKLAND LIONS CLUB, ON AUGUST 12, 1959. THE COMMITTEE HAD AGREED TO FOLLOW UP IMMEDIATELY WITH THE INVESTIGATION OF SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITY IN THIS AREA. I HAVE BEEN SWAMPED WITH REQUESTS TO SPEAK BEFORE MANY CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS, AND I HAVE SPOKEN, AND SHALL CONTINUE TO SPEAK, ON THE SUBJECT AS LONG AS I AM PHYSICALLY ABLE.

I HAVE LEARNED THAT, UNFORTUNATELY, THE COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES IS NOT GOING TO HAVE A HEARING, BECAUSE IT IS A DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE, AND IS SELLING ITS CONSCIENCE FOR VOTES. MY TESTIMONY WOULD SHOW, DEFINITELY, A WIDESPREAD INFILTRATION INTO THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY, AS WELL AS INTO CHURCH AND CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS. THE DEMOCRATS DO NOT WANT A HEARING, BECAUSE OBVIOUSLY IT WOULD HURT THEM IN THE FORTHCOMING ELECTION. THE COMMITTEE HAS NOT KEPT ITS PROMISE TO ME, AND AS A RESULT I AND MY FAMILY HAVE BEEN SUBJECTED TO COMMUNIST ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL ATTRITION. IT HAS MADE IT ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO OBTAIN EMPLOYMENT, AND I DO QUALIFY IN MANY FIELDS OF ENDEAVOR. I AM 50 YEARS OLD, AND HAVE TWO CHILDREN, 8 AND 13 YEARS OLD.

I WANT TO CONTINUE IN THE FIGHT AGAINST GODLESS MATERIALISM, BUT HAVE REACHED THE POINT OF NEAR DESTITUTION. I BELIEVE THAT ALL MANKIND IS BORN IN THE SPIRIT AND IMAGE OF GOD, AND ALL I WANT TO DO IS REFLECT THE TRUTH AND MAKE THE TRUTH A REALITY THROUGH THE FORTHCOMING REAWAKENING. YOU, MR. HOOVER, ARE THE MAN WHO IS, AND SHOULD BE, SPARKING SUCH A REAWAKENING.

I WOULD BE MOST GRATEFUL IF YOU COULD SPARE ME SOME OF YOUR VALUABLE TIME, TO DISCUSS THIS MOST CRITICAL PROBLEM IN MORE DETAIL. IF YOU WANT TO SEE ME I'LL HITCHHIKE. MY SITUATION IS INDEED DESPERATE, AND I AM ASKING YOU, IN ALL HUMILITY, FOR HELP IN MY EFFORTS TO OBTAIN A JOB, SO THAT I CAN CONTINUE TO LIVE, AND FIGHT FOR OUR CHRISTIAN PRINCIPLES.

VERY SINCERELY YOURS,

*Karl Prussion*

MR. KARL PRUSSION  
BOX 556  
LOS ALTOS, CALIFORNIA

1 - Mr. Simpson

December 8, 1959

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Mr. Robert Welch  
"American Opinion"  
Belmont 78, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Welch:

Your letter dated December 1, 1959, has been received.

In response to your inquiry, Mr. Karl Prussian furnished information to the FBI on a confidential basis from 1949 to 1958 and was compensated for his services. He was, however, never a Special Agent of this Bureau.

This information should not be construed as a recommendation, clearance or nonclearance of Mr. Prussian by the FBI.



Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

- 1 - Boston (enclosure)
- 1 - San Francisco (enclosure)

ATTENTION: SACs, Boston and San Francisco

Enclosed is one copy of correspondent's communication.

Karl Prussian is former SF 1740-S who was discontinued July 20, 1958, after disclosing his informant status to a newspaperman. He publicly disclosed himself as a former informant of the FBI while giving a speech before the Lions Club, Oakland, California, on August 12, 1959.

Information concerning Robert Welch is contained in Paragraph F of SAC Letter 59-13.

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Mr. Robert Welch

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent advises Karl Prussian has applied for a position with him. Prussian has claimed he worked within the Communist Party for 12 years as an informant for the FBI, publicly revealing this fact on 8-12-59. Correspondent requests that if it is permissible to do so the Bureau furnish him confirmation or denial of Prussian's claim.

Robert Welch is a wealthy candy manufacturer in Belmont, Massachusetts, who is allegedly very anticommunistic and who has been traveling throughout the country meeting with other industrialists to create organizations to fight communism. He is also editor and publisher of "American Opinion," a magazine which frequently contains anticommunist articles. Above SAC Letter alerted the field to the activities of Welch.

*An Informal Review*

**Belmont 78, Massachusetts**

December 1, 1959

The Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

A Mr. Karl Prussian, Box 306, Los Altos, California has applied for a job with us, and expresses a great deal of zeal for our anti-communist efforts.

Mr. Prussian states that for approximately twelve years he worked within the Communist Party, as an informant for the F. B. I., and publicly revealed this fact on August 12, 1959, then severing all connection with the Communist Party.

If it is permissible for you to tell us, we should like very much to have a confirmation or denial from you of Mr. Prussian's claim, and the favor would be much appreciated.

Sincerely,

*Robert Welch*

Robert Welch

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November 20, 1959

DISCONTINUANCE MEMORANDUM

RE: KARL PRUSSIAN, aka FORMER SF 1740-S

Memorandum prepared on this discontinued informant for information purposes and contains pertinent background data from Bufile 61-9152.

Physical Description:

White, male; born 1-31-10, Brooklyn, New York; hair, brown; eyes, brown; complexion, swarthy; build, medium; height, 5'8"; weight, 150 lbs; father, Henry Prussian; mother, Rose Prussian.

Education:

Wayne University, received no degree.

Last Known Residence:

6686 Bollinger Road, San Jose, California.

Occupation:

Contractor, Builder.

Marital Status:

Married Mollie Wolinski 9-53, Detroit, Michigan, and divorced in 1938. (She was a member of the Young Communist League). Married to Dorothy Harris 11-14-40, Santa Fe, New Mexico; has two adopted children.

Military Service:

None.

Criminal Record:

Arrested as Tony Fro, Flint, Michigan, 11-25-32 and charged with investigation (communist activities). Arrested as Sam Goldstein, Detroit, Michigan, 3-7-32 and charged with participation in Ford riot. Arrested as Sam Goldstein, Detroit, Michigan, 2-4-33 and charged with passing out CP literature on streets. FBI No. 345290A.

Subversive Background:

Prussian was a member of the Young Communist League (1933-1935) and a member of the CP (1935-1938). He was active in labor matters in Detroit, during this period of time.

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Memorandum  
RE: KARL PRUSSIAN  
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*Informant Activities:*

Prussian contacted Bureau Agents on 2-2-42, 11-30-42, 6-17-47 and 4-19-49. Prussian, during his latter contacts with the Bureau, admitted his participation in CP activities from 1933 to 1938. Bulet 9-30-49 authorized San Francisco to develop Prussian as a potential security informant and San Francisco letter 11-4-49 designated him security informant SF 1740-S. Prussian attended meetings of CP front groups: Los Altos - Mountain View Council for Civic Unity, Independent Progressive Party and Palo Alto Peace Club. In 1955 Prussian became a member of the CP of Santa Clara County, California. At time of discontinuance informant was being paid up to \$125 a month for services and expenses.

*Circumstances Surrounding Discontinuance:*

Informant contacted a newspaperman with the thought in mind of writing a book about his CP activities and at which time he revealed his relationship as informant with the Bureau.

*Availability as Witness:*

Prussian is willing to testify in open court or before an Administrative Hearing Board, but would like to be consulted before any subpoena is issued. He qualified this statement by saying he would only testify in a situation where its importance outweighs possible disadvantages to himself.

*Remarks:*

The identity of this informant is known to the House Committee on Un-American Activities and to Immigration and Naturalization Service. Prussian appeared as a disguised guest on the Tom Duggan TV show, KCOP, Channel 13, 2-26-59, 10 p.m., Los Angeles, California. On this program, informant admitted he was a current member of the CP. On 8-12-59 informant publicly disclosed himself as a former informant of the FBI while giving a speech before the Lions Club, Oakland, California.

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SAC, New York

March 31, 1960

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HARL PRUSSIAN  
Former SF 1740-S

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Re San Francisco letter dated March 16,  
1960.

The New York Office should contact former  
President Herbert Hoover's secretary and furnish her  
the data relating to Prussian as set forth in reSFlet.  
Advise Bureau when this action has been taken.

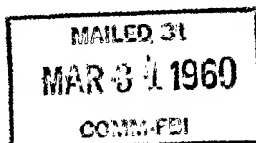
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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Prussian is a former San Francisco informant  
who furnished information from 1949 to 1958 and was paid  
for his services. He was discontinued on 7-20-58 after  
he disclosed his informant status to newspapermen. Since  
then he has publicly disclosed himself as a former Bureau  
informant and has been interviewed by HCUA as a cooperative  
witness in contemplated future hearings on the west coast.  
New York advised that former President Herbert Hoover  
received a letter from Prussian which was turned over  
to the New York Office by Mr. Hoover's personal secretary  
prior to the departure for Miami of Mr. Hoover and his  
secretary on 2-27-60. Miss Miller, the secretary, stated  
that Mr. Hoover had instructed her to furnish the letter  
to the FBI in view of the fact that in the letter Prussian  
said that he was a Bureau informant. The letter which  
was dated 2-18-60 set forth Prussian's background and  
requested assistance from Mr. Herbert Hoover in his efforts  
to obtain a job. In order that former President Hoover  
may know the full story on Prussian it is felt that the  
New York Office should provide background data similar to  
that which we have furnished on several occasions recently  
to HCUA and interested newspaper representatives.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (61-9152)

DATE: 3/16/60

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (134-7)

SUBJECT: KARL PRUSSIAN  
Former SF 1740-S CONF. INFO.

Re New York let to Director, copy San Francisco, which advised that PRUSSIAN had written a letter to former President HERBERT HOOVER.

The following information is being furnished to New York in the event the Bureau would wish this information be furnished to HERBERT HOOVER.

KARL PRUSSIAN, P.O.Box 396, Los Altos, California, furnished information to the FBI on a confidential basis from 1949 to 1958 and was compensated for his services. He was, however, never a Special Agent of this Bureau. He publicly disclosed himself as a former informant of the FBI while giving a speech before the Lions Club, Oakland, California, on 8/12/59.

Since that time numerous inquiries have been received by the San Francisco Office of the FBI from creditors of PRUSSIAN, who wish to locate him. A recent inquiry, confirmed by PRUSSIAN, indicates efforts are being made by creditors to put PRUSSIAN into involuntary bankruptcy. PRUSSIAN describes his present financial status as bad. He says he has had no employment for over a year and is unable to find a suitable job.

The HCUA proposes to use PRUSSIAN as a witness in hearings planned to be held in California, probably in San Francisco, in April, 1960.

PRUSSIAN has recently advised he is doing everything in his power to fight Communism by means of public appearances in which he exposes communist infiltration into respectable organizations. He states he will be a cooperative witness for the HCUA.

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SAC, San Francisco (100-30305)

March 10, 1960

Director, FBI (61-7992)

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3/16/82 SP6BJA/cptHCUA COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES  
PROPOSED SAN FRANCISCO HEARINGS  
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Reurairtel 2-20-60 indicating that Karl Prussian and [redacted] former informants, will testify as friendly witnesses for the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) according to William Wheeler, west coast representative, HCUA. Bufile on Prussian discloses that he has been cautioned in accordance with Section 1070 of the Manual of Instructions to be certain to tell the truth if he testifies for the HCUA.

This action was taken by your office on 1-10-60 when it became known that he was being considered at that time by the HCUA as a witness.

With regard to [redacted] Bufile discloses that she previously agreed to testify for the HCUA according to airtel of 11-25-57. It does not appear that she has been cautioned in accordance with Section 1070, Manual of Instructions, and you should, therefore, contact her and advise her in the same manner as you instructed Prussian. Advise Bureau when you have taken this action and the reaction of [redacted]

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

HCUA originally planned hearings last year on the west coast but they were called off. San Francisco has now advised that hearings are planned for San Francisco April 12-15, 1960, and according to William Wheeler, west coast representative, HCUA, approximately 35 witnesses will be subpoenaed. Wheeler has stated Karl Prussian, former SF 1740-S, and [redacted], former [redacted] will testify as friendly witnesses.

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RE: HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES  
PROPOSED SAN FRANCISCO HEARINGS  
APRIL 12-15, 1960

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NOTE ON YELLOW (CONTINUED)

San Francisco last recontacted Prussian when it appeared he would be a witness and in accordance with Manual of Instructions was cautioned to tell the truth if he did testify. [ ] was an informant from 1945 to 1956 and testified publicly before the SAGB in 1957. There have been indications in the past she would appear for the HCUA but San Francisco should contact her and remind her if she appears before the HCUA to tell the truth.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (61-7582)

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-36985)

RE: HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES  
PROPOSED SAN FRANCISCO HEARINGS  
APRIL 12-15, 1960

On 2/25/60, WILLIAM WHEELER, West Coast representative, HCUA, advised that hearings are being planned for San Francisco, April 12-15, 1960. Approximately 35 witnesses will be subpoenaed to testify. The following individuals are being considered as potential witnesses in connection with the fields of inquiry as indicated hereinafter:

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 (1 - " 61-9152, KARL PRUSSIAN)  
 (1 - " [REDACTED]  
 (1 - " 100-1557, [REDACTED]  
 (1 - " 100-53382, [REDACTED]  
 (1 - " 61-7508, ALBERT LIMA)  
 (1 - " 100-47865, [REDACTED]  
 (1 - " 100-3282, [REDACTED])

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 (1 SF 100-36248, [REDACTED]  
 (1 SF 100-4524, [REDACTED]  
 (1 SF 100-42909, [REDACTED]  
 (1 SF 65-1242, ALBERT LIMA)  
 (1 SF 100-29302, [REDACTED]  
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1. EVERETT LEE JONES, Professor of English, University of California, Los Angeles, who is Supervisor of Instruction in Subject A, the English portion of a qualification and entrance examination given to high school students for potential entrance to UCLA. JONES is suspected by the HCUA as being the author of a loaded question contained in the above English examination which characterized the FBI as a secret national police agency. Additional identifying information concerning JONES was contained in San Francisco teletype to the Bureau dated 2/25/60, captioned "ACADEMIC SENATE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC FREEDOM, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA, MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING."
2. IRVING FISHMAN, Deputy Collector of Customs, New York City, who the HCUA believes has information that Chinese residents of the United States are being forced to send money to relatives in Communist China.
3. KARL PRUSSIAN, former SF 1740-S, who will testify concerning Communist Party activities in the Palo Alto, California, area.
4. [redacted] former [redacted] who will testify concerning activities of the CP in the Oakland, California, area. b6 b7C b7D
5. Selected individuals who were delegates from San Francisco Bay area to the CP National Convention held in New York City in December, 1959. Mentioned as potential witnesses were [redacted], his son [redacted] who represented CP youth, ALBERT LIMA, [redacted] and [redacted]. In addition, the HCUA plans to introduce as exhibits documents passed out at the CP National Convention. b6 b7C b7D
6. HCUA is attempting to develop sufficient data concerning the CP influence in the recent decision of Governor BROWN of California to postpone the scheduled execution of CARYL CHESSMAN, notorious California criminal who has been incarcerated in Death Row at San Quentin Prison, California, for over a decade.

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7. Re-subpoena selected school teachers from Northern California area who are members of the CP. Teachers subpoenaed will be those where no local action has been taken under the California Dillworth Act.
8. Selected organizers of the CP of various counties in Northern California.
9. Selected delegates to the Northern California CP Convention scheduled to be held in Oakland, California, on 2/27-28/60.
10. If possible, work in some data as an aside on the Communist Party infiltration of Democratic Party Clubs in California.

In view of the fact that the Bureau, at the request of the Department, has prepared LMRDA reports on both [ ] and [ ] they may want to specifically call to the attention of the Department that the possible violation may be brought out in these hearings.

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The Bureau will be promptly informed of additional information received concerning the proposed San Francisco hearings.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (61-9152)

DATE: 4/7/60

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (80-751)

SUBJECT: KARL PRUSSIAN  
FORMER SF 1740-S

ReBulet 3/31/60

Pursuant to Bureau instructions, the data relating to KARL PRUSSIAN as set forth in San Francisco letter 3/16/60 has been furnished to President HOOVER's secretary, Miss BERNICE MILLER.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (61-9152)

DATE: 5/17/60

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (134-7)

SUBJECT: KARL PRUSSION  
Former SF 1740-S

Attached is a clipping from "The San Jose Mercury" of May 17, 1960.

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# Ex-FBI Informer Says He'll Waive Immunity

An offer to waive congressional immunity, in connection with his charges against alleged Communists at last week's Un-American Activities hearings in San Francisco, was made yesterday by Karl Prussion, Los Altos home builder.

Prussion, a former Communist, worked underground 10 years for the FBI within the Los Altos Mountain View and Palo Alto Communist Party cells, he testified. He identified some two dozen of his associates before the committee.

He told the Mercury yesterday: "It is common knowledge that the FBI records as they pertain to all those I have named as hard-core Communists are frozen by executive order and therefore cannot be used by any congressional committee as evidence.

"I believe that man has been created by God in His image and likeness, and God is truth. I, like all Christians, therefore reflect the truth.

"I am willing to waive all congressional immunities in my testimony so that any of the disciples of Lenin that I have named before the committee can within their right proceed to sue in any way they see fit.

"I shall welcome such suits because only in this way can the records of the FBI as they pertain to each Communist be obtained. A judge, I believe, can order such records in any litigation."

Prussion also replied to Saturday's statement by Alan Isaksen of Palo Alto, one of those named, that he (Prussion) owes Isaksen \$9,000. Isaksen said he is

suing for this amount, which he earned four years ago working for Prussion, a home builder.

In answer, Prussion said he has a countersuit for \$45,000 pending against Isaksen, as a result of their former business association.

Yesterday in Superior Court here, Prussion sued the Chronicle Publishing Co. and columnist Herb Caen for \$125,000 damages, charging libel.

Prussion charged that he lost valuable contracts to expose Communist Party machinations by an item Caen published in his column in the San Francisco Chronicle on last Aug. 29.

The item read, Prussion said: "Karl Prussion of the Peninsula, the former FBI informer, who was prepared to tell all about the Bay Area teachers to the Unamerican Activities Comm., appeared before the Sunnyvale Lions Club the other night and found himself on a spot. The hall was loaded with teachers—all of 'em angry. And when a Sunnyvale newsman demanded: 'Can you name one Communist teacher in this area — even one?' Prussion backed down with a meek 'no'."

Prussion claimed this item was subject to wide circulation; statement was made and published without investigation as to its truth; meant he had falsely and/or misrepresented information he claimed to have, and had made false or erroneous representations to the FBI, the Sunnyvale Lions Club, and the public at large.

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THE SAN JOSE MERCURY ~~REDACTED~~  
San Jose, California

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (61-7582)

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WILLIAM WHEELER, West Coast Representative, HCUA, advised that following friendly witnesses will testify at above hearings:

IRVING FISHMAN, Deputy Collector of Customs, New York, concerning Chinese residents of the U.S. who are being forced into sending money to relatives in Communist China.

[redacted] Evans, Washington, as an expert witness on current CP program. [redacted] will use as source material various resolutions passed at the National Convention of the CP held in 12/59, which were later published in the January, February and March, 1960 issues of "Political Affairs."

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*Personal interview  
no return required*  
KARL PRUSSIAN, former SF 1740-S and [redacted] [redacted] former [redacted], who will testify concerning CP activities in Palo Alto and [redacted] California, areas, respectively

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WHEELER stated that [redacted] and [redacted], both of whom were listed in reSF airtel of 4/8/60. will not be subpoenaed but that [redacted]

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are being added to the list.

The Bureau will be advised of any additional information received concerning the proposed San Francisco hearings.

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FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (134-7)  
RE: KARL PRUSSION  
FORMER SF 1740-S

Attached is a clipping from the "Palo Alto Times"  
newspaper, Palo Alto, California, dated 8/19/60, page 17,  
captioned "Ex-Communist Levels Blast at State Attorney Mosk."

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# Ex-communist levels blast at State Attorney Mosk

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Demo calls  
film, talk  
GOP tactics

The president of the Palo Alto-Stanford Democratic Club today listed last night's film about House Un-American Activities Committee hearings in San Francisco and talk by Karl Prussion as Nixon campaign tactics.

Dr. Carson Flammer, whose club executive committee earlier in the week declined to co-sponsor the program arranged by the Palo Alto Republican Assembly, gave this statement to the press:

"THE DISTORTED, misleading and inaccurate film and the vague oral report of the otherwise unemployed Republican and former Communist completely supports the official decision to withhold sponsorship of last night's meeting.

"We regret that local Republicans have found it necessary at this early date in the election campaign of Mr. Nixon to resort to tactics which must surely sicken the intelligent and informed members of our community."

Flammer said he did not attend the meeting himself but prepared the statement after hearing reports from other club members who were present.

ASSISTANT State Attorney-General Franklin Williams of Palo Alto, who attended the program, said today he had no comment on Prussion's remarks about Attorney General Stanley Mosk except that they are of "no concern."

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# Prussion charges soft attitude to Reds

By WARD WINSLOW

Karl Prussion last night rapped State Attorney General Stanley Mosk for not prosecuting three former Midpeninsula candidates for public office who Prussion alleges were Communists.

Prussion, former Communist and FBI informant, spoke after a showing of the movie "Operation Abolition," dealing with agitation and rioting at House Un-American Activities Committee hearings in San Francisco May 12-14, to an audience of 430 at a meeting sponsored by the Palo Alto Republican Assembly in the Adult Theater, Palo Alto Community Center.

ALTHOUGH GOP Assembly President William C. Wright had predicted possible picketing and strife, and arranged special policing, the meeting was orderly. Only the audience reaction bore witness to the controversial nature of the subjects.

The largest part of the audience applauded statements favorable to the congressional investigators and San Francisco police.

But one group clapped for film flashes of witnesses verbally attacking the house committee. After one such burst, a voice in the dark said, "Quiet, you beatniks."

PRUSSION, a Los Altos resident, told the crowd "I have lived with these Red pigs for a long time . . . as a devoted Communist. I have also lived with the FBI for approximately 12 years."

He based his demand upon Mosk on his charges that the three ex-candidates lied when they took oaths as office-seekers. Prussion identified them as Dr. Holland Roberts of Bar-

ron Park, 1953 candidate for state superintendent of public instruction; Isobel Cerney of Menlo Park, Independent Progressive Party candidate for U.S. senator in 1954; and Allan Isaksen of Palo Alto, Democratic Party candidate for state assemblyman in 1956.

"I WOULD like to ask Attorney General Mosk . . . why he does not prosecute these people," Prussion said. Then, addressing himself directly to Mosk, he added:

"After all, Mr. Mosk, you arrested me about a year ago for speaking at an anticommunist rally. It was a false arrest. If you do not start a prosecution, citizens will unquestionably start an impeachment movement against you for malfeasance and misfeasance."

Answering a question later, Prussion said the charges brought against him by Mosk were for failing to file an unemployment compensation report for his employees.

"I hadn't had any employees in a year and he knew it," Prussion said.

IN ADDITION, Prussion:

1. Named nine other Midpeninsulans as Communist Party members.

2. Declared that the California Democratic clubs had been a target for Red infiltration, and charged that 14 of 25 charter members of the South Palo Alto Democratic Club were Communist Party members.

3. Asserted that at the Fresno convention of the California Democratic Council last February "a whole series of resolutions were passed . . . that could have been written by Khrushchev himself."

4. Charged that the Palo Alto Peace Club, listed as subversive

by the U.S. attorney general in 1954, "has been the most deceitful organization working for the communist conspiracy that I've ever witnessed," and contended that 46 of the club's 64 members were also Communist Party members.

Responding to one written question, Prussion said he knows there is a communist cell at Stanford but is not familiar with the details.

HE DECLARED that he quit his FBI undercover role because "I felt that the manner in which America is conducting the war against communism is not effective."

"We must be organized and dedicated, and fight them at the grass roots," Prussion said.

Another speaker was Don Cornish of San Jose, a Democrat who said in reference to the Palo Alto-Stanford Democratic Club's refusal to co-sponsor the program, "I'm only unhappy I can't thank a member of my own political party."

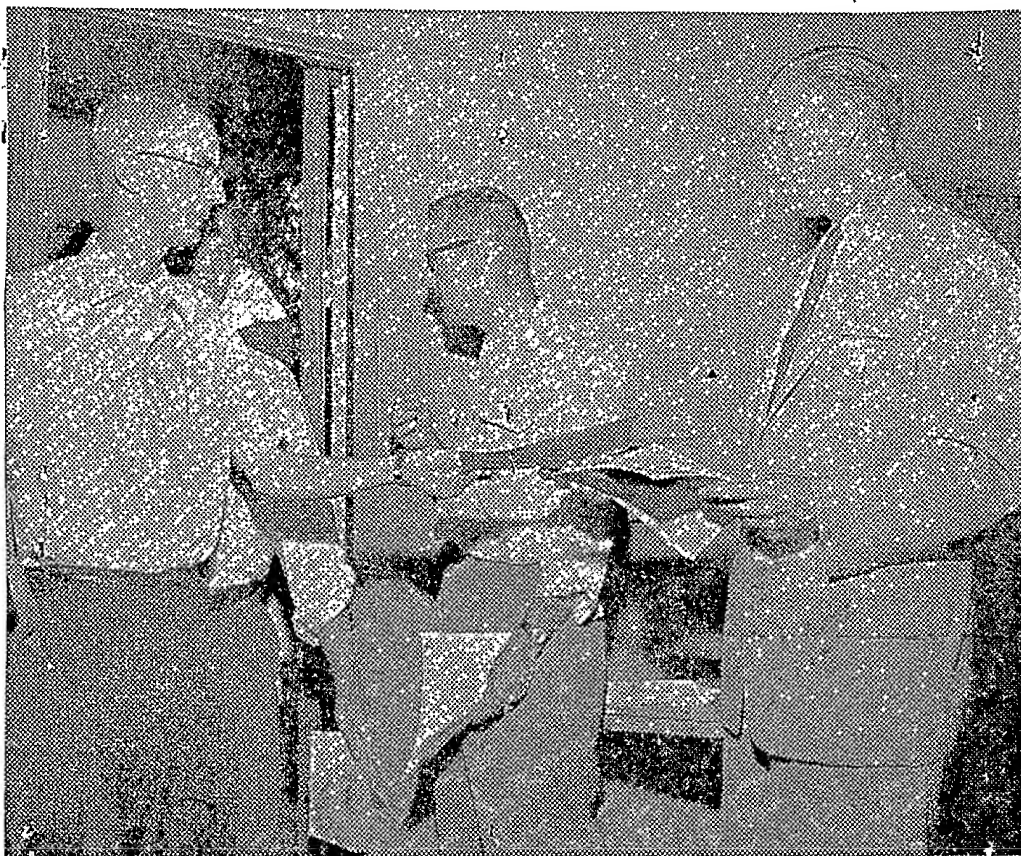
"Last May I appeared before the Republican County Central Committee and asked them for a bipartisan resolution supporting the House Un-American Activities Committee," Cornish recalled. For that, he said, he was censured by the chairman and fellow members of the Democratic Central Committee. Cornish was defeated for re-election.

CORNISH took a collection, explaining that an unnamed

group for which he spoke purchased the film for \$100 and plans to send Prussion on speaking engagements into Oregon and Washington. Cornish said the Republican Assembly would hold the funds temporarily.

Prussion, answering a query, said the movie was produced by the Coalition of Patriotic Societies. The commentary was written by Fulton Lewis III, he said.

Literature distributed in the lobby included reprints of two Stanford Daily editorials criticizing the hearings and related police conduct. Tom Barry and Bill Davis, who were handing out the reprint, said they did not know who provided it. Neither did Prussion.



#### PAMPHLETS ABOUT HEARINGS PASSED OUT

Tom Barry of Palo Alto Republican Assembly and Bill Davis of the Coalition of Patriotic Societies hand out literature in foyer of Palo Alto Adult Theater before meeting.



**SPEAKER NAMES ALLEGED COMMUNISTS**  
Karl Prussion of Los Altos, ex-Communist and ex-FBI agent.



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

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10/6/60 m/z

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-9828)

DATE: 9/29/60

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (134-7)

SUBJECT: KARL PRUSSION  
Former SF 1740-SALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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ReBulet 9/12/60 addressed to [redacted]

[redacted] Stanford, California. A copy of this letter was furnished San Francisco with a notation to determine whether PRUSSION had actually advocated forming an organization to investigate communist activities and whether there was in existence such a group formed of the membership of the American Legion Post.

The following is the information you requested:

On 6/19/60 KARL PRUSSION made a speech before the Los Altos, California Post of the American Legion. About 250 persons were present. PRUSSION spoke on communism on a local and national level and urged formation of "an organization of strategy and tactics" to fight communism on a theoretical level combating communist propaganda with the truth. One Legionnaire [redacted] of Los Altos, at this meeting objected that such an organization might become a spy organization and "pry into personal opinions and lives of individuals".

[redacted] Post Commander, answered that this would not be the purpose of the organization, but that the proposed organization would be "a grass roots movement to combat the flood of communist propaganda with anti-communist material". He said it was the intent of the group "to lobby for the anti-communist views".

This meeting was not open to the press according to [redacted] of Palo Alto, California who is on the

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National Americanism Committee of the American Legion and area Americanism Chairman of the Legion. [redacted] said he was present at the above meeting. He advised that press accounts of this meeting reported second hand, did not accurately portray the proposals of PRUSSION which were not in any sense that an investigative organization be formed.

He said that after the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) hearings and attendant student riots at San Francisco in May of 1960, a flood of letters reached the editors of area newspapers largely condemning the HCUA and the San Francisco Police for their handling of the riots. Legionnaires and patriots in the area conceived the need for letters and publicity supporting HCUA and their beliefs. As a result of this need and of PRUSSION's talk, an informal group began to organize and to write letters supporting HCUA and condemning the riots as communist instigated. The group included Legionnaires as well as other persons who heard PRUSSION's talk, but is not and has never been a legion organization. He himself did not join it, although he approves its purposes and has followed its activities and cooperated with the group. He said his duties with the Legion prevent his having joined this group. He said its purposes are not in any sense investigative.

On 8/18/60 PRUSSION spoke at the Palo Alto Community Center. He again attacked communism and in pointing out its dangers cited the California Democratic Clubs (CDC) of the Democratic Party in California, describing CDC as communist controlled. He spoke of the so-called "Fresno Resolutions", at the California State Convention describing them as communist resolutions. He identified local communists active in democratic clubs and attacked California State Attorney General MOSK for not having prosecuted three communists who signed non-communist oaths as candidates in recent California elections.

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In connection with PRUSSION's speech the film "Operation Abolition" was shown with a commentary by FULTON LEWIS, III. This is a film made with the cooperation of HCUA and the San Francisco police to illustrate communist tactics in connection with the above student rioting. PRUSSION in his talk said the showing of this film was sponsored by an unnamed group which purchased the film for \$100.00 from the group who made it. He described the latter group as a "Coalition of Patriotic Societies".

Newspaper accounts stated that the above meeting was sponsored by the Palo Alto Republican Assembly. In this connection clippings from the "Palo Alto Times" of 8/19/60 were submitted to the Bureau by airtel dated 8/22/60 captioned KARL PRUSSION. PRUSSION's talk and the ensuing criticism by Democratic Party leaders immediately produced considerable political controversy.

Several Santa Clara County democrats, including LEE BROWNE and DON CORNISH, San Jose, California Democratic leaders joined with the largely Republican membership of this growing organization to combat communism, including the alleged communist influence in the California Democratic Party through CDC.

CORNISH is a former member of the California State Democratic Committee defeated in this year's election.

[redacted] Palo Alto on 9/22/60 advised that he, [redacted] and [redacted] organized the showing of the above film and the appearance of PRUSSION at the above meeting. He said their purpose in organizing is to combat communist propaganda and present the viewpoint of patriotic Americans. He said the organization has no investigative function whatsoever. He said the early efforts of the organization have been to make telephone calls and to write letters supporting HCUA and the FBI and any other government agency active against communism.

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He said that among the leaders of the group are BRUCE BARBER, retired former head of the San Francisco Office of INS, BILL WHEELER, investigator for HCUA, KARL PRUSSION, [REDACTED] Palo Alto woman and [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] according to [REDACTED] is a [REDACTED]  
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[REDACTED] advised that the organization at present has no name but that it is to be incorporated, is to have a dues paying membership and a set of by-laws. The purposes are as stated above and the purposes are to be incorporated into by-laws and rigidly adhered to.

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[REDACTED] San Jose, has volunteered to the San Jose Resident Agency, information concerning the activities of this organization and has exhibited a rough draft of the by-laws. He has promised to furnish a copy of the by-laws when they are approved by the membership.

Examination of the rough draft indicates clearly the purposes of the organization as stated above and with no intent to investigate communism. As clear indication that the organization is not investigative the following may be of interest.

[REDACTED] has for years cooperated with this office furnishing valuable information regarding communist activities in Santa Clara County. He has in his official position in the Legion urged Americanism Committees on Legion Posts to furnish information to the FBI. Within the past month [REDACTED] has referred to the Palo Alto Resident Agency two individuals acquainted with Security Index subjects enabling establishment of valuable sources of information.

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[ ] mentioned above, recently furnished information regarding admissions of current CP membership by [ ] CP National Committee member at a recent speech in Palo Alto which she attended. [ ] is listed as a potential witness in a Labor-Management and Disclosure Act case against [ ] during this month has furnished information regarding three teachers in the Palo Alto School System whom he considers to be communists.

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[ ] and [ ] mentioned above, regularly furnish information on communism to the San Jose Resident Agency.

Formation of this organization will be followed with [ ] and [ ] who are in regular contact with our Agents and when the organization is completed, the Bureau will be advised of the name adopted, its general composition and aims and purposes. It is believed that relations of this office with the leaders of the group are sufficiently close so that the organization will not in the future become one that would encroach on the Bureau's jurisdiction and responsibilities in this field.

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Stanford, California

Dear [redacted]

Your letter dated August 25, 1960, has been received, and your interest in communicating with me is indeed appreciated.

Since the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government, it is not within our jurisdiction and responsibilities to furnish comments or evaluations concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I, therefore, cannot comment upon the qualifications of the individual you mentioned nor can I furnish any advice or suggestions relative to any private organization created to fight communism.

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In connection with your inquiries, however, I would like to point out that the FBI is the agency of this Government charged with the responsibility for the investigation of subversive activities in this country and the correlation of information pertaining thereto with other agencies of this Government. The President has urged all patriotic citizens to report information pertinent to this responsibility to the FBI and, therefore, you as a private citizen can best aid this Government in its fight against subversion by promptly reporting such information which you may receive to the FBI in order that it may be correlated and appropriate steps be taken to safeguard our country and our form of government from subversive elements. I am enclosing for your information some literature available for general distribution by the FBI which may be helpful to you.

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In the event you receive any information which you believe to be of interest to this Bureau, you are urged to communicate either directly with me or with the Special Agent in Charge of the FBI office nearest you located at 422 Federal Office Building, Civic Center, San Francisco 2, California.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Enclosures (4)

ATTENTION: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO

Enclosed are two copies of correspondent's communication. Bufiles contain no identifiable information concerning him.

Karl Prussian was a security informant of your office from 1949 to 1958 when he was discontinued after he disclosed his informant status to newspapermen. (San Francisco file 134-7) (61-9152)

It is noted that correspondent has alleged that Prussian proposed to the Los Altos Post of the American Legion that it instigate a campaign to investigate communist activities on a local level and indicates the possible existence of such a group formed of the membership of the American Legion Post. You are instructed to immediately determine through established reliable contacts within the American Legion whether such a proposal has in fact been made and whether officials of the American Legion are seriously considering any proposal to actively investigate communist activities in the San Francisco area. // ✓

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NOTE TO SAN FRANCISCO, CONTINUED

In the event you determine that an organization has been created or a movement is afoot by the American Legion to investigate subversive activities, you should immediately contact established sources in the American Legion to remind them of the Bureau's jurisdiction and responsibilities in the security field and that such matters can, of course, best be handled by trained investigators. During the course of these contacts, you should insure that the activities of the American Legion will not in any manner encroach upon the Bureau's jurisdiction and responsibilities concerning security investigations.

All information concerning this matter must be immediately submitted to the Bureau under appropriate caption, making reference to this communication and specifically outlining what steps your office has taken to curtail the investigative efforts of the American Legion in your area.

The following items of literature were sent to the correspondent:

1. "Communist Target - Youth."
2. "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality."
3. Reprint from "FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin," March, 1960, with analysis of the 17th National Convention of the Communist Party, USA.
4. "What You can do to Fight Communism and Preserve America."

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent advised that Prussian has proposed to a local post of the American Legion that it instigate a campaign to investigate communist activities and that an organization has been formed from the membership of the American Legion Post. This proposed effort of the American Legion worries him because if it is a conscientious effort against communism, he wants to join it, but if it is an attempt to "scapegoat others," he wants no part of it.

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He inquires (1) what kind of organization is most advisable for combatting communist infiltration, (2) how should he train himself to fight communism, and (3) whether Prussian is so trained that he can organize a truly effective group to eradicate communism in his area.

In view of the allegation that a proposal has been made for the American Legion to investigate communism, it is desirable that we check into this matter to determine the truth or falsity of this allegation and, if true, the extent of the activities of the American Legion in this field and instruct the San Francisco Office to take such action as may be appropriate in order to curtail such activities on the part of the American Legion.

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August 25, 1960

Stanford, California

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Parsons \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Felt \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Malone \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. McGuire \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
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Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

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DATE 4/24/00 BY SP2ALM/LLJ

Dear Sir,

I have just read your book, *Masters of Deceit*, and found it very stimulating. I have felt for some time that the "grass-roots" resistance to the communist threat had been by-passed in an effort to attain more sensational revelations of the communist plot. Your book answered many questions about how to combat this anathema to our freedom and American way of life. However, as a result of reading your book I have developed some new fears.

In my immediate area, the San Francisco Bay area, a Mr. Carl Prussion has proposed to the Los Altos post of the American Legion that they instigate a campaign to investigate communist activities on the local level. The resulting organization is formed from the membership of the past and is publically subscribed to investigate communist infiltration into the local school system and the local political scene. This effort worries me because I feel that if it is a constructive effort against communism and its infiltration tactics then I should be part and partner to it; but, if it is a scurilous attempt to scapegoat others by people opposed to honest dissent I do not want to have any part in it.

It is for the above reasons that I ask you if you would please answer some rather pointed and difficult questions that were not completely amplified in your book.

First; what kind of organization is most advisable for combatting communist infiltration?

Secondly, how should one train one's self for participation in the fight against communism?

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Thirdly, is Mr. Prussion so trained (not discounting his long association with "The Party") that he might organize a truly effective group to eradicate communism in the Bay Area?

Thank you for your kind attention.

Sincerely,

/s/

[Redacted Signature]

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Stanford, California

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## ADMINISTRATIVE

CONF. INFT.

KARL PRUSSIAN, a former paid Bureau informant (SF 1740-S) in the Communist Party and who has been publicly identified as such is not believed aware of instant letter. He is not being interviewed because he is engaged in appearing before various groups in the San Francisco Bay Area and obtaining all publicity possible for himself and it is felt if this Bureau should bring this letter to his attention he could well use it as a "cause celebre" to attempt to further enhance his stature and for personal reasons and gain.

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Synopsis: [REDACTED] Sunnyvale, Calif., member of Free Men Against Communism (FMAC) an anti-communist organization received in P.O. Box 451, Sunnyvale, Calif., the box rented by FMAC on 1/24/61, a letter addressed to "Free Men", postmarked Berkeley, California, January 23, 1961, which contained handprinted and unsigned note reading "That stool pigeon Prussen won't live to testify again. Too many getting hurt". [REDACTED] has no suspects but notes address of FMAC widely known and that KARL PRUSSIAN former member of Communist Party and present member of FMAC has appeared as frequent speaker under its auspices in San Francisco Bay Area. AUSA, SF, advises further investigation unwarranted.

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DETAILS

The following investigation conducted by  
SA RICHARD H. NELSON:

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[REDACTED]  
on January 25, 1961 advised that he is a member of Free Men Against Communism (FMAC) an anti-communist organization which has presented films, literature and speakers against communism in the San Francisco Bay Area for the past six months.

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A member of the organization and frequent speaker under its auspices is KARL PRUSSIAN, a former member of the Communist Party in this Area.

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On January 24, 1961, [ ] received in P.O.Box 451, Sunnyvale, California, which box is rented by FMAC, a letter addressed to "Free Men, Box 451, Sunnyvale" postmarked January 23, 1961 at Berkeley, California. The letter, which was furnished Special Agent NELSON by [ ] and which was handprinted in pencil read:

"That stool pigeon Prussen won't live .  
to testify again. Too many getting hurt".

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[ ] stated this P.O.Box number appears on all literature distributed by the organization and has appeared in the press.

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[ ] had no suspects but noted that KARL PRUSSIAN has addressed large groups which included many students of the University of California at Berkeley, and that PRUSSIAN has appeared as a frequent speaker under the auspices of FMAC in the San Francisco Bay Area.

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

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On February 14, 1961, the facts herein were presented to Assistant U.S. Attorney [ ] who stated he felt instant matters falls within the category of a "crank" letter and does not come within the meaning of the Extortion Statute and that further investigation is not warranted at this time.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

TO : A. H. Belmont *AMB*DATE: January 25, 1961  
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*8-2*FROM : W. C. Sullivan *WCS*SUBJECT: LOS GATOS, CALIFORNIA  
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Mr. Evans

Enclosed letter from above-named individual states that an advertisement in the May 9, 1960, "San Jose (Calif.) Mercury" protested the holding of the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) hearings in San Francisco in May, 1960.  did not enclose a copy of the ad but said it was "ostensibly sponsored" by two chapters of the California State Teachers Association. He wants to know if this ad is identical to the one mentioned on page five in the Director's report "Communist Target - Youth."

said he needs this information in order to prove in the future that the advertisement which appeared was, as the Director's report states, published through arrangements of the communists. The Director's report states on page five: "Members of the San Jose Club of the Santa Clara County Communist Party circulated petitions and arranged for the purchasing of a protest advertisement in the local San Jose newspapers." Bufiles do not contain copies of the ad mentioned, so comparison is not possible. *We should get 61-9152*

The activities of the members of the San Jose CP Club in circulating petitions, participating in meetings, and arranging for publishing of a protest advertisement in connection with the HCUA hearings were reported by two live confidential informants who have furnished reliable information in the past. One,  is a member of that CP Club and the other,  is an associate of members of that Club. Additional information in this connection was also furnished by two confidential Bureau sources, SF 2148-S\* (anonymous source) and SF 1851-S\* (technical surveillance). It is felt no information should be given Stanfield regarding his request in order to protect Bureau informants and to avoid public controversy in this matter.

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Memorandum Sullivan to Belmont

Re: [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] enclosed a carbon copy of a letter dated January 17, 1961, which he wrote to the editor of an unspecified newspaper. In this letter he presented a resolution he planned to introduce at the January 23, 1961, meeting of the Los Gatos Joint Union High School District Board of Trustees. [REDACTED] in his proposed resolution urged the California State Board of Education to uphold the Dilworth Act, a 1953 California anticommunist law which provides for dismissal of school district employees who fail to answer questions before committees of the U.S. Congress. He also urged the State Board of Education not to reinstate [REDACTED] security index subject of the San Francisco Office who was fired under the Dilworth Act by [REDACTED] at the end of the 1959-1960 school year for refusing to answer questions before the HCUA at the San Francisco hearings in May, 1960. (100-374243)

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[REDACTED] in his letter to the newspaper editor mentioned a [REDACTED] as [REDACTED] attorney. [REDACTED] may be identical with [REDACTED] a San Jose, California, attorney. The latter has not been investigated by the FBI, however, the Office of Naval Intelligence investigated [REDACTED] in 1956 and reported that he was engaged in communist front activities in the late 1940's in the Independent Progressive Party (IPP) and the National Lawyers' Guild (NLG), organizations, which have been cited in the HCUA "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications." (100-366661)

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[REDACTED] also mentions in his letter to the Director that he was in contact with Karl Prussian, former San Francisco confidential informant SF 1740-S who was discontinued in 1958 for discussing his informant status to newsmen. [REDACTED] requested information about Prussian's "organization," apparently referring to "Free Men Against Communism," which Prussian was instrumental in forming in California after the May, 1960, riots at the HCUA hearings. This group's purpose reportedly is to support the HCUA and other Government agencies which fight against communism. No information regarding Prussian or his organization is being furnished to [REDACTED]

He is, however, being furnished one copy each of "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality," "One Nation's Response to Communism," Soviet Illegal Espionage" and the Director's statement on the 17th National Convention of the CP USA. Bufiles are negative regarding [REDACTED]

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Remylot, 9/29/60, captioned KARL PRUSSION, Former  
SF 1740-S. Relet described formation of a patriotic organization  
to combat Communism by counter-propaganda.

On 9/26/60, [redacted]  
Redwood City, California, who in the past has cooperated in  
the investigation of [redacted] Labor Management and Disclosure  
Act case, furnished the following:

The organization described in relet has now adopted  
the name Free Men Against Communism. [redacted] of  
Los Altos, California, and BRUCE BARBER, retired former head  
of INS at San Francisco, during the week ending 10/4/60, would  
sign registration forms in behalf of this organization record-  
ing its formation with the Secretary of State of California.  
[redacted] listed the purposes of the organization as described in  
relet and emphatically stated that this organization will  
conduct no security investigations. He said its membership  
will be encouraged to furnish any information regarding Communists  
or Communist organizations to the FBI.

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[redacted] on this occasion furnished the office three  
items of literature disseminated by Communists or Communist  
sympathizers at a recent showing of the film "Operation Abolition"  
at Monterey, California, 9/19/60.

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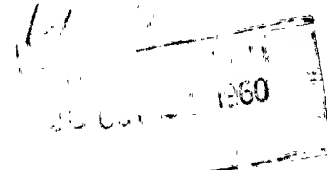
[redacted] advised that he visited FBI Headquarters in  
Washington, D.C., in September 1960 and spoke with a Bureau  
official regarding the above organization. He could not recall  
the name of that official but was grateful for the courtesy  
and cooperation shown him on that occasion. He expressed  
himself as a great admirer of Director HOOVER and of the FBI.

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[redacted] further stated that former FBI confidential  
informant KARL PRUSSION is an active member of this organization

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and will be speaking under its auspices on many occasions. He said that a copy of the film "Operation Abolition" has been purchased by the organization and it will be shown as frequently as bookings can be obtained.

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[ ] said one of the undertakings in which the organization is presently engaged in is pressuring universities in the area through their alumni groups against employment of Communist teachers and the signing of Communist-type petitions by faculty members. He said his organization is asking alumni contributors to advise universities they will withhold their contributions if undesirable situations are not corrected.

If additional information is received concerning the captioned organization, the Bureau will be advised.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: *August 1, 1961*

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

KARL PRUSSIAN

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Pages A5884-A5887. Congressman Boykin, (D) Alabama, extended his remarks to include an address by Congressman Walter, (D) Pennsylvania, before the Alabama American Legion State Convention at Huntsville, Alabama, July 22, 1961. Mr. Walter makes reference to one Karl Prussion pointing out that this man "had spent 26 years in the Communist apparatus, the last dozen of them prior to the summer of 1959, I am glad to say, as an undercover operative of the FBI." Mr. Walter commented on a book entitled "The Un-Americans" stating "Despite the obvious Communist source of this vicious book about the committee, the Communist Party apparently had no trouble in getting a major U. S. publishing firm to come out with a fantastically large first printing of it. - - - The Communist-serving Nation magazine has recently published an attack on the Central Intelligence Agency, written by one Fred J. Cook, who had previously written a similar smear attack for the Nation magazine on the Federal Bureau of Investigation and its outstanding director, J. Edgar Hoover - - -."

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In the original of a memorandum captioned and dated as above, the Congressional Record for July 31, 1961 was reviewed and pertinent items were marked for the Director's attention. This form has been prepared in order that portions of a copy of the original memorandum may be clipped, mounted, and placed in appropriate Bureau case or subject matter files.

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Palo Alto, California

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DATE 5/11/00 BY SP2AM/dj

Dear [Redacted]

I have received your letter of June 27 and appreciate the interest which prompted your communication.

In response to your request, I would like to point out that the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, individual or publication. I am sure you can realize my position in being unable to comment relative to the groups or organizations to which you refer. In addition, I can inform you that Mr. Karl Prussion was not employed as a Special Agent of this Bureau. He furnished information to the FBI for which he was compensated.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no record for correspondent. Karl Prussion testified before House Committee on Un-American Activities on 5-13-60 and stated that he was a former member of the CP. He was a security informant of the San Francisco Office from 1949 to 1958 when he was discontinued after he disclosed his informant status to newspapermen.

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PALO ALTO, CALIFORNIA

June 27, 1961

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The cause of the "Freedom Riders" is gaining considerable popular support in this area. The Commission on Christian Social Concerns of the First Methodist Church of Palo Alto, California, [redacted] is going to consider giving moral and financial support to the "Freedom Riders" at our next meeting, presently scheduled for August 2, 1961.

I know that the members of the Commission would like very much to aid the fight against discrimination in the South but I also know that they would not want to be responsible for turning the funds contributed by the members of the church over to the wrong people.

We have heard many rumours that the "Freedom Riders" are "communist led". The leading exponent on this subject in this area is Mr. Karl Prussion, a former agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

We would appreciate very much any information which you could have forwarded to us concerning the "Freedom Riders" and would be particularly grateful for specific information as to what individuals or groups we can safely send our money to, if any.

From time to time during the coming year, many requests will be made of our Commission for funds for various causes similar to the "Freedom Riders". For future reference, I wonder if it will be possible for you to direct me to a department

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
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in your organization or to an individual to which or to whom we could turn for rapid information as to the true nature of some of these groups or organizations. I would like very much to be able to send to someone in your organization a description of the names of the individuals and organizations to whom we desire to send money from time to time, and to receive a reply and recommendation within two weeks.

Any assistance which you or your department can render to us along these lines will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

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[Redacted Name]

for,

The Commission on Christian Social Concerns,  
First Methodist Church, Palo Alto, California

[Redacted Box]

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Dear [Redacted]

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I have received your letter postmarked September 26, 1961, and your interest in writing to me is appreciated.

In response to your request, I would like to advise that Mr. Karl Prussion has never been a Special Agent of this Bureau; however, he did furnish information to the FBI on a confidential basis from 1949 to 1958 and was compensated for his services. Since 1958, the FBI has not exercised any control over his activities and I am, therefore, unable to comment concerning them.

While I can understand your desire to obtain accurate information, it is not possible for the FBI to furnish information from our files. A regulation of the Department of Justice prohibits the disclosure of such information to other than appropriate agencies in the executive branch of the Federal Government. Furthermore, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency and makes no determinations as to the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication. I am sure you can understand, therefore, that it is not possible for this Bureau to furnish information of the type you requested.

I would like to urge you, however, to report to the nearest office of the FBI any information in your possession concerning subversive activities on the part of any individual. Such information can then be correlated

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on a nationwide basis and, where warranted, afforded attention by trained investigators. As you are aware, the FBI office nearest you is located at 502 Federal Building, Albany 1, New York.

As a matter of information, on June 23, 1961, a Justice of the United States Supreme Court agreed to stay the effect of that Court's decision of June 5, 1961, which ordered the Communist Party of the United States to register its membership under the provisions of the Internal Security Act of 1950. This action was taken by the Supreme Court Justice as the result of a petition for a rehearing filed by attorneys for the Communist Party. The petition will be considered by the full Court when it reconvenes in October, 1961. In the event the Court's decision of June 5, 1961, is upheld and the Communist Party registers its membership with the Attorney General pursuant to the requirements of the statute, such registration lists showing the names and addresses of Communist Party members will then be opened for public inspection.

I am enclosing several items of literature, available for general distribution by the FBI, which you may like to read.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Enclosures (4)

ATTENTION: SAC, ALBANY

Enclosed is one copy of correspondent's communication. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning her.

Karl Prussion was a security informant of the San Francisco Office from 1949 to 1958 when he was discontinued after disclosing his informant status to newspapermen. (61-9152) - 2 -

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NOTE TO ALBANY, CONTINUED

The following items of literature were furnished to the correspondent:

1. "The Deadly Contest."
2. "The Communist Party Line."
3. "What You Can do to Fight Communism and Preserve America."
4. Director's Statement Dated April 17, 1961, Regarding Internal Security.

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
 Director of F.B.I.  
 Washington 25, D.C.

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Dear Sir:

I was recently given a copy of the April issue of 'Heads Up'. This paper is published by a Mr. Karl Prussion, P.O. Box 913, Los Altos, California. I would like to know if Mr. Prussion, who is a former F.B.I. undercover agent investigating Bay Area Communist activities, is truly making a consciousness effort to fight Communism and does he deserve our support?

Many Americans are aware of the threat of Communism and are willing to do what we as individuals can do to keep America free for our children and our children's children. However, there seems little we can do.

We can and do read any material we can get including your book 'Masters of Deceit'. Still we feel there are many things we don't know and things we should be entitled to know.

According to many strong rumors, one of our local dentists is a card carrying Communist. Not wanting to be a part of a smear campaign I wrote the F.B.I. in Albany, New York naming this man and asking if he was or was not a card carrying Communist. My answer from them was that their files were confidential. This gives one the feeling that a Communist is protected from us rather than us being protected from a Communist. This dentist has a large practice, many of them young people, and ample time alone in his office with them to implant his ideas and views. If there was some way of knowing if he was or was not a Communist it would be much easier to take a stand either for or against him. Certainly we would not want to subject ourselves and our children to him and his ideas if he is a card carrying Communist. If Communists are required to register under the McCarran Act; why can't that list be made public?

If supporting papers like the above mentioned one published by Mr. Prussion is one way we can fight Communism I at least want to do that. I will appreciate your giving me the information I want.

Yours very truly,

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October 4, 1961

Director, FBI (61-9152)

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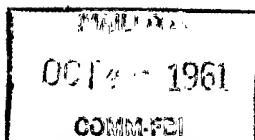
Review of Bufile discloses that this former informant's name has been spelled Prussion and Prussian on different occasions. In a letter written by the informant, he has indicated the spelling to be Prussion. Unless advised to the contrary, Bureau records will indicate that to be the correct spelling.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (61-9152)

DATE: 10/13/61

FROM : *JH* SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (134-7)

SUBJECT: KARL PRUSSION  
Former SF 1741-S

Re Bureau letter, 10/4/61.

In accordance with the Bureau's decision, future communications concerning former informant will be captioned KARL PRUSSION. This name was formerly carried as a alias and PRUSSIAN considered his true name, since early reports on the Subject under 100 classification carried him as PRUSSIAN based on employment, police records and the like. It is noted that Bureau identification records under FBI number 345290A carry him as PRUSSIAN based on Civil Service and Army records with the exception of a 1942 entry which carries him as PRUSSION. As the Bureau letter notes, both spellings are frequently used, but PRUSSION appears at present to prefer PRUSSION.

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Porterville, California

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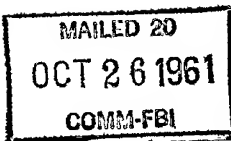
Your letter postmarked October 20, 1961, has been received, and I appreciate the interest which prompted you to write.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI, as an investigative agency of the Federal Government, does not make evaluations nor draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual. I regret I am unable to help you and hope you will not infer that we do or do not have data in our files concerning your inquiries. Also, the identity of a source where such information can be obtained does not readily come to mind.


Enclosed is some literature about communism you may care to read.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director



Enclosures (4) Communist Illusion & Democratic Reality  
What You Can Do To Fight Communism  
The Communist Party Line  
One Nation's Response to Communism

NOTE: Correspondent cannot be identified in Bufiles. There is no record of the publication "Heads Up," however Bufiles reflect that Karl Prussian, its editor, was a security informant of the San Francisco Office during the years 1949 - 1958 and that his services were discontinued when he disclosed his role as informant to the newspapers. "Americans on Guard," edited by 

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NOTE: (continued) [redacted] is an anticommunist publication featuring articles by various speakers on communism. Request for articles written by the Director was denied because of the paper's choice of writers which included W. Cleon Skousen, [redacted] John Birch members and others. However, Bufiles contain nothing derogatory on Martiney or his paper.

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Porterville, California

Gentlemen;

There are several newspapers printed on Anticommunism and I am interested to know if these papers are evaluated by any government officers or by the F.B.I.

I want to know more about what is going on in our government and on communisiam itself but a person hardly knows anymore if an article or paper is indirectly working for communisiam.

One paper is <sup>Publ.</sup> "Hands Up" editor one Karl Prussian printed in Los Altos, The other is <sup>O</sup> ~~Americans on Guard~~, editor Frank Martiney, printed in Costa Mesa. Can you tell me anything about them, or tell me where to write to find out. <sup>Calif.</sup>

Thank you <sup>Publ.</sup>

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PORTERVILLE, CALIFORNIA

Dear Sirs;

There are several newspapers printed as left communists and I am interested to know if these papers are evaluated by any government agency or by the F.B.I.

I want to know more about what is going on in our government and on communism itself but a person hardly knows any more if an article or paper is directly working for communism.

One paper is "Heads Up" editor one Paul Harrison printed in Los Altos, the other is American on Guard, editor Frank Marting, printed in Costa Mesa. Can you tell me anything about them or tell me where to write to find out.

Thank you

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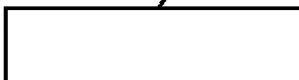
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Mill Valley, California

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Your letter of October 30, 1961, has been received, and the interest prompting you to communicate with me is appreciated.

In response to your inquiry, Mr. Karl Prussion has never been a Special Agent of this Bureau; however, he did furnish information to the FBI on a confidential basis from 1949 to 1958 and was compensated for his services.

While I would like to be of assistance to you concerning your other questions, the FBI being an investigative agency of the Federal Government neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, individual or publication. In view of this I am sure you will understand why I am unable to comment in the manner you suggested.

I am enclosing some literature you may care to read.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Enclosures (5)

"Faith in God--Our Answer To Communism"  
The Deadly Contest  
10-61 LEB Introduction  
What You Can Do To Fight Communism  
The Communist Party Line

NOTE: Prussion was a security informant of our San Francisco Office from 1949 to 1958 when he was discontinued after disclosing his informant status to newspapermen. Bufiles contain no information of a derogatory nature to preclude this letter.

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J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington D.C.

October 30, 1961

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Dear Mr. Hoover,

Recently, Mr. Karl Prussion of Los Altos, Calif. spoke to our group of Young Republicans on "The Communist Conspiracy in The Bay Area". As expected, there were varying reactions to his report. I had occasion to talk to Mr. Prussion and I found him to be a very dedicated and sincere anti-Communist who in my opinion is not prone to "name calling" without validity.

Karl Prussion was an undercover agent of the F.B.I. in the Bay Area from 1947 until 1958 when he "surfaced." He said he felt compelled to do so and to tell his story in light of what he felt to be a very critical time in our Country and that the expedience of making people aware of the activities of the Communists in our Country was absolutely necessary.

I had occasion this week to hear someone attack Mr. Prussion as a "dirty informer" because of his testimony before the House Committee on Un-American Activities. This person, a member of the school board in the area where Mr. Prussion resides, had been led to believe that Mr. Prussion is informing people of the present threat of Communism as a promotion for the book he "is going to write." This person also went on to say that Mr. Prussion was at one time a wealthy contractor and builder and went into bankruptcy; this then explains his necessity to sink to such behavior. I have heard Mr. Prussion's story about the harrassment that resulted in the destruction of his business and his inability to keep permanent employment because of the same reasons.

I realize that Mr. Prussion cannot in anyway be supported by the F.B.I. now that he is no longer in its employ, but I wonder if you could give me his credentials as a member of the F.B.I. and any other pertinent and factual information as to his service while an agent. Did you consider him a trustworthy and dedicated agent of our government? Do you recommend his character in the light of his service?

I do not know just how much help you can offer in this matter, but I would appreciate any attention that you can give to it.

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Los Altos, California

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Your letter of November 13, 1961, with enclosures has been received, and the interest prompting you to communicate with me is appreciated. In response to your inquiry, Mr. Karl Prussion has never been a Special Agent of this Bureau; however, he did furnish information to the FBI on a confidential basis from 1949 to 1958 and was compensated for his services.

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Faith in God: Our Answer to Communism What You Can Do To Fight  
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NOTE: Bufiles contain no information identifiable with correspondent.  
Prussion was a security informant of our San Francisco Office from 1949 to 1958 when he was discontinued after disclosing his informant status to newspapermen.

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Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover,

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Enclosed is a biographical sketch of Karl Prussion. The second paragraph states that he was "accepted by the FBI as a counter-spy, and worked in cells in Mt. View, Los Altos and Palo Alto (California) for 12 years." I will appreciate your confirming this quoted information as factual. I will appreciate any further comments you may be at liberty to make relating to Mr. Prussion's activities in combating the Communist menace.

Mr. Prussion has been an invited speaker to a group of high school students in Los Altos, California, where he created a more thoughtful and serious attitude by students toward Communism. As a Trustee for the Mountain View-Los Altos Union High School District, I am interested in having our students and patrons of the District learn how we can all become better informed and active in this field of vital information. Your own book is in all our three school libraries. If there are other persons in our Area whom you might recommend as speakers to students and PTA's, please

forward their names. If you feel that Mr. Prussion merits our further recognition for his contributions, please advise me. Thank you for your continuing good work as our "public servant".

Sincerely,

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ENCLOSURE

Mr. Karl Prussion, Los Altos, California

Biographical Sketch

Karl Prussion joined the Communist Party in 1933 while a student at Wayne University, Detroit, Michigan. He led a strike to resist a tuition raise, and found later that the Committee he headed was a Communist Front. He says the newspaper of the University of Michigan was censored by the Communist Party before any issue was published, during the '30s. He became an active member, even attending a Communist school teaching tactics for Insurrection. They lived on bread and water for a week, so that "come the Revolution", and the unions refuse to transport food, the Communists can survive the deprivation. He became disillusioned, mostly by the brutality of the Communists to their own. He saw one second-generation Communist driven to suicide, by the "scientific" psychological methods perfected by the Communists.

In 1947, in Mountain View, California, the FBI accepted Mr. Prussion as a counter-spy, and he worked in cells in Mt. View, Los Altos and Palo Alto for 12 years. He saw the Communists winning more and more territory, and more and more legal battles within the United States, so finally came to the conclusion that our method of fighting Communism was a failure. He says we have been in World War III since 1945, and we are losing because we refuse to see that it is a War. So he terminated his work with the FBI and the Communists in August, 1959, and has since been lecturing extensively in his effort to enlighten the public about the Soviet conspiracy. He knows their machinations, their deceit, and their over all tactics and strategy to destroy our Republic through force and violence.

Mr. Prussion was the chief witness before the House Committee on Un-American Activities at their hearing in San Francisco in May 1960 - the riotous hearing. He finished his testimony in Executive Session in Washington, D.C. afterwards, for the audience became so boisterous he could not be heard. He named over 40 Communists in this area who were in his cells.

Mr. Prussion advocates grass root, anti-Communist organizations of the citizenry to combat the menace. If we will do this now we can keep our freedom; but if we do not, Mr. Prussion believes that we will lose our freedom within four years.

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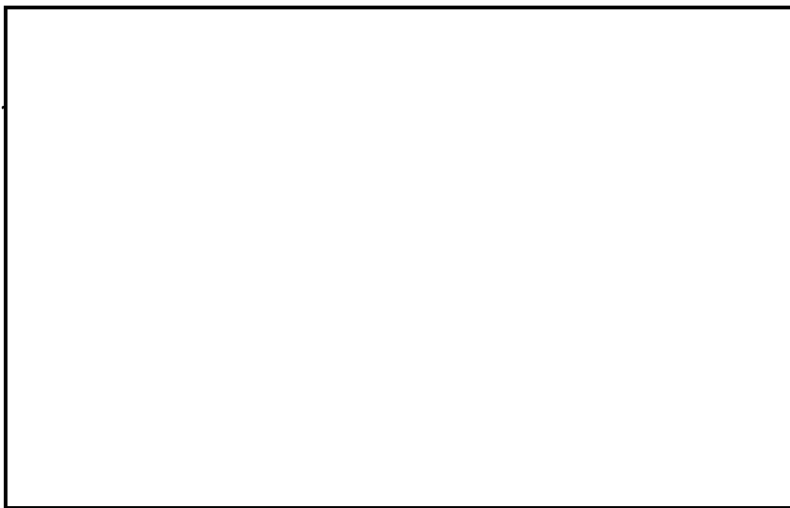
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Redding, California

Dear 

I have received your letter of November 29, with enclosure, and appreciate your interest in writing. In response to your inquiries, Mr. Karl Prussion was not employed as a Special Agent of the FBI; however, he furnished information concerning subversive activities on a confidential basis to this Bureau from 1949 to 1958 for which he was compensated. He is no longer serving in this capacity. His opinions and comments are strictly his own and do not represent this Bureau in any manner.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

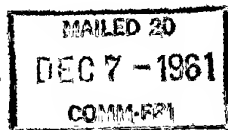
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. He enclosed a printed announcement concerning an appearance by Prussion on 11-28-61. Prussion has been publicly identified as a former Bureau informant.

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REDDING, CALIFORNIA

November 29, 1961

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find a notice which we received in Redding, California. We would like to know:

1. Does Karl Prussion work for the FBI at the present time. If so, in what capacity?
2. For how long and in what capacity has Karl Prussion ever worked for the FBI?
3. Is Karl Prussion authorized by the FBI to imply that the FBI certifies that Karl Prussion is no longer a Communist or a Communist sympathizer?
4. Is Karl Prussion authorized by the FBI to imply that the FBI is in agreement with his views?

Any information you can give us will be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Yours truly,

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Mr. Tolson  
Mr. Belmont  
Mr. Mohr  
Mr. Casper  
Mr. Callahan  
Mr. Conrad  
Mr. DeLoach  
Mr. Evans  
Mr. Malone  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Sullivan  
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# HEAR KARL PRUSSION

ANDERSON FAIR GROUNDS  
TUESDAY, NOV. 28

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4/24/00

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Communist Party Member for twenty-six years,  
12 years for the FBI in California . . . a service he left  
on August 12, 1959.

## TELL

A shocking unbelievable story from his own personal experience of how the Communists are operating within our Churches, Schools, Civic Organizations and Labor Unions and Political Parties.

Especially how the California Communists were directed to bolt the independent progressive party (declared subversive) and to mass infiltrate the California Democratic Clubs. Hear him name names as he tells how this has been done and how it is reflecting on the Democratic Party.

Remember the California Democratic clubs are not the Democratic Party.

Mr. Prussion will conduct a question and answer session. If you have any questions on Communism, ask him.

Sponsored by citizens promoting grass roots anti-Communism education. The thing Khrushchev and gang fear most.

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Arcata, California

Dear [redacted]

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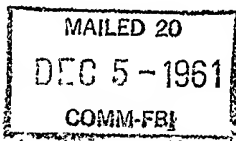
I have received your letter of November 27, with enclosure, and appreciate the interest which prompted your communication.

In response to your inquiries, I would like to point out that the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and neither makes evaluations nor draws conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, individual or publication. I am sure you will understand my being unable to comment in answer to your questions. I can inform you that Karl Prussion furnished information of a security nature to this Bureau for which he was compensated from November, 1949, until July, 1958. His opinions and comments are his own.

You may also be interested to know that I have never made any statements recommending individuals not connected with the FBI as being qualified to combat the menace of communism. I am enclosing several items dealing with the general topic of communism which you may like to read.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director



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Enclosures (3)

1 - San Francisco - Enclosure

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Follow-up made for 12-14-61 - Room 4736

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ATTENTION SAC: If information in your files would not preclude doing so, you should immediately have a mature and experienced Agent contact Dr. Cornelius H. Siemens, President, Humboldt College, and, in a most discreet and tactful manner, ascertain whether he made the alleged statements to the effect that I had told a friend if I could select ten men in the country to help fight communism, Buell Gallagher would be one of them. He should not be informed of the source of these allegations. Secure basis for alleged statements if actually made by Siemens and advise Bureau Attention Research (Correspondence and Tours) of results not later than 12-14-61.

Enclosures

What You Can Do To Fight Communism  
4-17-61 Internal Security Statement  
The Communist Party Line

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record for the correspondent and no information identifiable with Dr. Cornelius H. Siemens, President of Humboldt State College in California. Bufiles indicate that Karl Prussion was utilized by our San Francisco Office as a security informant from 1949 until 1958 when he disclosed his role as an informant to the newspapers. The SAC at San Francisco advised in March, 1961, that San Francisco newspapers contained statements made by California State Assemblyman Louis Francis, to the effect that Humboldt College was a hot bed of communism. Humboldt is a small college in northern California. After making these statements, Congressman Francis was criticized at the State Assembly for making these statements, and he finally admitted his remarks were based on an anonymous letter.

Correspondent refers to the statement reportedly made by Dr. Cornelius H. Siemens, President of Humboldt State College, as having said that the Director mentioned to a friend of his that if he could select ten men in the country to help fight communism, Buell Gallagher would be one of them. Bufiles do not reflect the Director is acquainted with Gallagher. Dr. Buell Gordon Gallagher was the subject of a Loyalty of Government Employees investigation in 1950. Although it was determined that he, in the past, had been affiliated with a few cited organizations, he fought the communism element in at least one of them. He was described as a loyal citizen and the Civil Service Commission declared him "eligible on loyalty." (121-21534) Gallagher is apparently head of the State College system in Calif.

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 Mr. Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

November 27, 1961

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
 Federal Bureau of Investigation  
 Washington, D.C.

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 DATE 4/24/00 BY SP2AUM/clj

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am an American citizen and a housewife.

I recently attended a meeting at which Mr. Karl Prussion  
 (see attached clipping) spoke to a group of about 50 people  
 regarding communism.

Some of the statements he made appeared to me to be libellous  
 and difficult to believe. Therefore, I am writing to you  
 for any background information that might be available  
 regarding this man. Your opinion of him would also help me  
 to decide how much weight to apply to his words.

At the present time, I am extreemly doubtful as to the veracity  
 of some of his statements and accusations. For example:

Mr. Prussion strongly insinuated that because Gov. Pat  
 Brown was seen with [redacted], a known communist; and  
 had his picture, and an article written about himself in  
 the Farm Reporter, a Sacramento agricultural newspaper,  
 ([redacted], a known communist)  
 that Gov. Pat Brown is therefore a communist sympathizer.

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That Gus Hawkins, Assemblyman, and chairman of the Assembly  
 Rules Committee, is a known communist.

That Attorney General Mosk should know where communism lurks,  
 and should inform Gov. Brown so that he could avoid such  
 incidences; and

That neither Mosk nor Gov. Brown want a communist investi-  
 gation in California, therefore, Mosk, too, is a communist  
 sympathizer.

That if an investigation were allowed in California, and if  
 the FBI information could be made public, the accusations  
 that Assemblyman Louis Francis made regarding Communism at  
 Humboldt State College would be substantiated.

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That Buell Gallagher, Chancellor of the California State Colleges, is a communist, as well as many other Humboldt State College professors. He claims to have facts and figures to back up this charge, but when asked for his facts and figures, he said he didn't bring them with him!

That U.S. Attorney General Robert Kennedy does not believe that Communism is a conspiracy, and will probably not enforce the new law that communists must open their ledgers to the Government, or pay \$10,000 a day fine for every day after the deadline until they do. This, Prussion says, will ruin communism, but he doesn't think Mr. Kennedy will enforce the law.

That the Democratic Clubs of California are being infiltrated by the communist party. The Democratic Clubs being selected over the Republican organizations. Example: The Palo Alto Democratic Club has 13 known communist members.

I would like to direct your attention once again to Buell Gallagher. At a recent Humboldt State College gathering, Dr. Cornelius H. Siemens, President of the college, quoted you as saying to a friend, that if you could select 10 men in the country to help fight communism, Buell Gallagher would be one of them. Is this true?

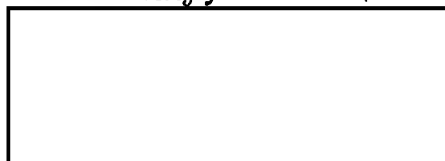
I feel that what Mr. Prussion has said, if true, should be brought out into the open. If his statements are not true, a man with his reputed background should be squelched, as the FBI name is giving credence to his words.

This letter is merely a search for the truth. What kind of a man is Mr. Prussion? Can I, and the people of this country believe his words? By what method is Mr. Prussion trying to stomp out communism?

I am eager to help in what ever way I can in fighting communism. I would, therefore, appreciate your opinion of the above statements by Mr. Prussion. I want to know if you approve of his methods of attack, above and beyond what I have stated in this letter. Surely you must be keeping track of his activities and words.

I will be most grateful for your reply.

Cordially,



Arcata, California

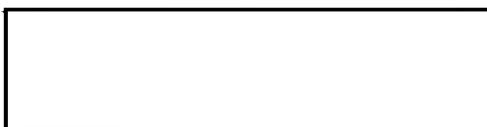
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Redding, California

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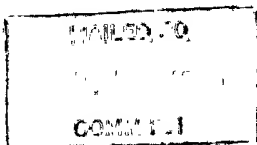
Your letter of December 6 has been received. In response to your inquiry, I would like to point out that the FBI, as an investigative agency of the Federal Government, does not furnish comments or evaluations concerning the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication. Consequently, I am sure you will realize that I have never issued a letter of endorsement such as you described.

I appreciate your interest in having Assistant Director William C. Sullivan participate in a community forum in your area. While we would like to be of service in this regard, Mr. Sullivan's heavy schedule of prior official commitments makes it impossible for him to consider any additional engagements at this time.

Enclosed is some literature pertaining to communism you may like to read.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



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Enclosures (5)  
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1 - Mr. Sullivan - Enclosure

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Enclosures (5)  
Internal Security statement 4-17-61  
The Communist Party, USA (9-61 Social Order)  
"Faith in God--Our Answer To Communism"  
The Communist Party Line  
Christianity Today Series (The Communist Menace)

NOTE: Bufiles contain no information identifiable with correspondent.  
Kari Prussion was a security informant of the San Francisco Office  
during the years 1949 - 1958. His services were discontinued when  
he disclosed his role as informant to the newspapers.



Mr. Tolson ☒  
 Mr. Belmont ☒  
 Mr. Mohr ☒  
 Mr. Callahan ☒  
 Mr. Conrad ☒  
 Mr. DeLoach ☒  
 Mr. Evans ☒  
 Mr. Malone ☒  
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REDDING, CALIFORNIA

December 6, 1961

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
 Federal Bureau of Investigation  
 Washington, D. C.

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 DATE 4/24/00 BY SP2ALM/clj

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Recently a Mr. Karl Prussion spoke in our community. We were told that he held a letter of endorsement from you. This does not seem to jibe with other articles I have seen which indicate that you have assigned Mr. William G. Sullivan to speak across the country telling a very different story and giving a very different impression than Mr. Prussion.

Would there be any possibility of having Mr. Sullivan speak at a community forum here in Redding? What arrangements would we need to make?

Sincerely yours,

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January 5, 1962

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[Redacted]  
Santa Paula, California

Dear [Redacted]

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Your letter of December 29, 1961, has been received, and the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

With regard to your inquiries, I would like to point out that Mr. Karl Prussion has never been a Special Agent of this Bureau. He did, however, furnish information to the FBI on a confidential basis from 1949 to 1958 and was compensated for his services.

Enclosed is some literature dealing with the general subject of communism you may like to read. Perhaps you will also wish to refer to my book, "Masters of Deceit," which relates the story of communism in America and how to fight it. You will probably be able to obtain a copy of it at your local library.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Enclosures (5)  
12-7-61 Speech

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What You Can Do To Fight Communism  
4-17-61 Internal Security Statement  
Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality  
The Communist Party Line

NOTE: Correspondent is not further identifiable in Bufiles and there is no derogatory information concerning her. (56-0-776, 778.)

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Karl Prussion was a security informant of the San Francisco Office and was discontinued in 1958 after he disclosed his informant status to newspapermen. (61-9152)

December 29, 1961

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

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DATE 4/24/00 BY SP2AUM/dj

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Recently in our county a Mr. Karl Prussion gave a speech in which he made extremely severe accusations against our state administration officials. This has caused considerable comment as you might imagine.

Since his accusations were in the extreme many wonder how much of what he said could be believed. Mr. Prussion said he was an exFBI agent. Along with many other people I wonder why he left the FBI and if we might listen to him as a man of integrity?

Could you please verify if Mr. Karl Prussion was in fact at one time an FBI agent and why he discontinued in this service?

Thank you.

Yours very truly,

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To: SAC, San Francisco

From: Director, FBI

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PROJECT CITY, CALIFORNIA  
RESEARCH (CORRESPONDENCE AND TOURS)  
BUDED 1-8-62

Enclosed are copies of a letter dated 12-11-61 from above-captioned correspondent which is not being acknowledged in the Bureau.

You are instructed to furnish any available information pertaining to the allegation that Prussion has represented himself as a Special Agent of the Bureau, either in public statements or in publicity material issued in connection with his public appearances. Prussion should be personally contacted and if your inquiry reflects that he actually has made the above representations, he should be strongly admonished regarding this practice and instructed to discontinue it immediately. At this time, Prussion should also be asked if he made the statement quoted in correspondent's letter to the effect that the FBI was not good enough to combat communism and, if such a statement was made, he should be requested to furnish the reasons for making it.

Furnish results under above caption to reach the Bureau no later than 1-8-62.

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Follow-up made for 1-8-62

NOTE: See Morrell to DeLoach memo of 12-22-61 captioned as above address.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 12-22-61

FROM : D. C. Morrell *gum*SUBJECT:  b6 b7C

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By letter to the Director dated December 11, 1961, correspondent advised that on 11-28-61, Karl Prussion made a speech and, in response to an inquiry from the floor, stated as follows: "The Federal Bureau of Investigation is not good enough to combat Communism (in the U. S. ) because they were not set up to do so. And besides they are under Executive order, and the order of the Attorney General." Correspondent stated that a number of citizens were disturbed by the statement and he requested a reply as to its veracity. Correspondent had furnished copies of his letter to several public officials "for possible Congressional inquiry on the inadequacy of the Federal Bureau of Investigation." Correspondent stated in his letter that Karl Prussion had been billed as "12 Years as an agent for the F. B. I. in California."

Bufiles reflect that Karl Prussion was utilized by our San Francisco Office as a Security Informant from 1949 until 1958 when he disclosed his role as an informant to the newspapers.

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Bufiles also reflect that on 6-21-61, a citizen forwarded to the Bureau a newspaper clipping containing a letter to the Editor which had been signed by one  same address as correspondent.  was highly critical of the House Committee on Un-American Activities and "Operation Abolition." He stated: "The 'liberals' did not force any debate over the student demonstration and 'Operation Abolition.' The press, the HUAC and the FBI did that when they got the story wrong--factually wrong. Never mind philosophy--factually wrong. The Meisenbach trial made liars of those responsible for the film and the Hoover report on the demonstration, by the testimony of the officer involved as well as irrefutable numerous witnesses. The dual parts of the allegation of 'Communist-inspired violence,' made by Hoover and the house committee, remain what they always were--pure fabrication for the most insidious of political purposes: intimidation of legitimate, democratic political activity."

Enclosure

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Morrell to DeLoach memo

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. In view of the foregoing background information and the insulting tone of correspondent's current letter, it is recommended that no acknowledgment be afforded.

2. It is recommended that the attached airtel be sent to San Francisco instructing that office to determine if there is any truth to the allegation that Karl Prussion has claimed past affiliation as an Agent with this Bureau and, instructing that office to properly admonish Prussion if this is found to be true.

*John. 15m*



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Date: 1/2/62

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (134-7)

SUBJECT: b6  
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DATE 4/24/80 BY SP7AUM/cljPROJECT CITY, CALIFORNIA  
RESEARCH (CORRESPONDENCE AND TOURS)

Re Bureau Airtel 12/27/61.

KARL PRUSSION was interviewed 12/29/61. He advised he does not recall how he was introduced at Anderson County, California, Fairgrounds speech in November 1961, but doubts it was as "an agent of the FBI." He said that on occasion he is introduced with use of similar phraseology but stated he immediately corrects such an introduction and explains that he was "an informant for the FBI" or a "counterspy for the FBI." He said he has never implied or allowed implication to be made that he was an FBI agent. He said he explains during the course of his talks that he rejoined the CP to obtain and furnish information to the FBI.

PRUSSION said he will, nevertheless, take greater pains in future talks and writings to explain his former status in precise terms so no misunderstanding will be possible. PRUSSION denied categorically that he has ever criticized the FBI in public or private statements. He said he respects the Director and the FBI and its personnel and in almost every talk takes occasion to praise the Bureau for its work in combating communism. In the Anderson County speech he recalls saying that the FBI is an efficient investigative organization but it is limited in what it can do in the fight against communism by lack of effective legislation, by adverse

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Special Agent in Charge

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interpretations of anti-communist laws by the courts and by policy decisions of the administration. He said there could have been no honest implication of criticism of the Bureau arising out of any statements he made at the Anderson County speech. He recalls that in that speech he urged the American public to learn about communism and to appreciate the menace that it is and to oppose it by all means. He said he frequently quotes the Director and the book "Masters of Deceit" in this regard and believes that he did so in the above speech.

Review of press accounts of PRUSSION's talks, together with reports received by this office of his talks, indicates that PRUSSION does not misrepresent his former connection with the Bureau and that he frequently praises the Bureau. No occasion is known of his having criticized the FBI. It is known that he is very critical of what he describes as communist infiltration of the Democratic Party in California and that he is particularly bitter in his attacks on the California Democratic Clubs and the Democratic Attorney General of California. This has made him many enemies in California and he expressed the opinion that he is some times deliberately misquoted by his enemies.

PRUSSION stated he will in the next issue of his publication "Heads Up" print a statement defining with precision his former relationship with the Bureau. Nothing inconsistent with PRUSSION's above statements has been brought to the attention of this office.

HAROLD T. (BIZZ) JOHNSON  
2D DISTRICT, CALIFORNIA

**HOME ADDRESS:**  
**423 GROVE STREET**  
**ROSEVILLE, CALIFORNIA**

OFFICE ADDRESS:  
1031 HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

**DISTRICT OFFICE:  
205 VERNON STREET  
ROSEVILLE, CALIFORNIA**

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, D. C.**

January 8, 1962

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**SUBCOMMITTEES:**  
**FLOOD CONTROL**  
**RIVERS AND HARBORS**

## INTERIOR AND INSULAR AFFAIRS

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REAL PROPERTY ACQUISITION

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

It is my understanding that [redacted] of  
Project City, California, has addressed a letter to you  
concerning your activities in the field of communism.

I would appreciate it if when you reply to   
you would forward a copy of your letter to me.

Sincerely yours,

HAROLD T. (BIZZ) JOHNSON  
Member of Congress

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Marshall - DeLoach  
memo 1-12-62  
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Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_ ✓  
Mr. Belmont \_\_\_\_\_ ✓  
Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_ ✓  
Mr. Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_ ✓  
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January 19, 1962

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61-9152-117  
[Redacted]  
Ojai, California

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter dated January 14th, with enclosure, has been received, and I want to thank you for your kind prayers.

In response to your inquiry, Mr. Karl Prussion has never been a Special Agent of this Bureau. He did, however, furnish information to the FBI on a confidential basis from 1949 to 1958 and was compensated for his services.

Although it is true that information in the files of the FBI is confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice, verification of employment or nonemployment of an individual with this Bureau does not come within this policy. Since Mr. Prussion's relationship with the FBI has been publicly revealed in the past, I feel it is incumbent upon me to clarify his exact status when we are requested to do so.

Sincerely yours,

L. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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NOTE: Correspondent cannot be identified in Bufiles. In an outgoing to [Redacted] Santa Paula, California, of January 5, 1962, [Redacted] was advised of the relationship of Prussion with the Bureau. Although correspondent requests a wire to be confirmed by letter, she sent her communication Airmail Special Delivery and the reply is being furnished in the same manner since there appears to be no reason for the expense of a wire. Karl Prussion was a security informant of the [Redacted]

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NOTE: (continued) San Francisco Office and was discontinued in 1958 after he disclosed his informant status to newspapermen. (61-9152)

TRUE COPY

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
F.B.I.  
Washington, D.C.

Jan. 14, 1962

Dear Mr. Hoover--

The enclosed article was printed in one of our local papers.

It was my understanding that no information of this kind was available to the public from the F. B. I.

Was the information quoted in this article from you?

As you know better than any one in the country everything possible is being done to discredit any one fighting communism. It is imperative to me that I know whether or not this statement came from you.

Thank you sir and God bless you for what you are trying to do to save our country.

I would appreciate a night or day letter with the answer to my question. I will pay the charges. I would also like a letter verifying the wire, please.

Sincerely,

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/s/

[Redacted Signature]

Ojai, California

Phone:

[Redacted Phone Number]

*Karl O*

P. S. We know that Mr. Prussion was not a regular agent, but we did believe he had remained in the Communist party for the express purpose of giving info to the F. B. I.

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
F.B.I.  
Washington, D.C.

Jan. 14, 1962

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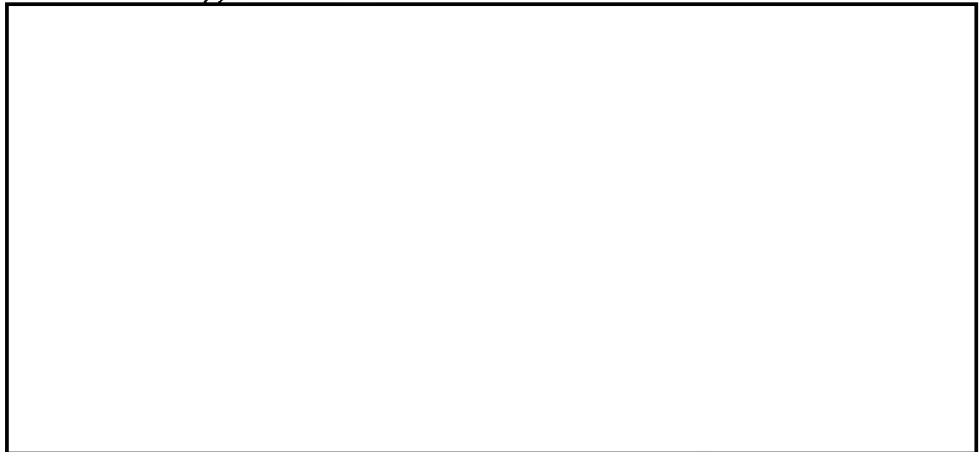
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## No Agent

Editor, The Star-Free Press:

Today I received a reply to a letter I wrote to J. Edgar Hoover, FBI director. Mr. Hoover replied to my inquiry whether Mr. Karl Prussion (Project Alert speaker) had ever been an FBI agent: "I would like to point out that Mr. Karl Prussion has never been a special agent for this Bureau."

Mr. Hoover stated that from 1949 to 1958 Mr. Prussion had given some information to the FBI for which he was paid.

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811 Teague Drive,  
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61-9152-117

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 1-15-62

FROM : M. A. Jones

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SUBJECT: INQUIRY FROM CONGRESSMAN HAROLD T.  
(BIZZ) JOHNSON (D-CALIFORNIA)  
REGARDING [REDACTED] PROJECT  
CITY, CALIFORNIA

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b7CBACKGROUND:

Reference is made to Morrell to DeLoach memo dated 1-12-62 captioned as above. Briefly, this memo pointed out that Congressman Johnson, by letter dated 1-8-62, noted that [REDACTED] had sent a letter to the Director concerning FBI activities in the field of communism, and the Congressman requested that he be furnished a copy of our reply to [REDACTED]

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By letter to the Director dated 12-11-61, [REDACTED] advised that on 11-28-61 Karl Prussion had made a speech and [REDACTED] alleged that Prussion had stated that the FBI was not good enough to combat communism. Prussion, a former Security Informant of our San Francisco Office from 1949 to 1958, was contacted and denied he had said anything of this nature; [REDACTED] on the other hand, has been very critical of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, "Operation Abolition," and the FBI. Because of the insulting tone of [REDACTED] letter, no acknowledgment was made to him. It was recommended and approved that we contact Congressman Johnson and confidentially advise him of the pertinent facts in this matter. Referenced memo of 1-12-62 is attached.

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Per your instructions, SA [REDACTED] contacted Congressman Johnson on the afternoon of 1-15-62. Congressman Johnson and his Administrative Assistant, [REDACTED] were furnished the pertinent facts concerning this matter as reflected in referenced memo. They were most appreciative, and the Congressman stated he merely made his request inasmuch as [REDACTED] had sent him a copy of his letter to the Director dated December 11, 1961, and the Congressman just wanted a copy of our acknowledgment, if any, for the completion of his files.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.  
Enclosure

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1 - Mr. DeLoach  
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UNITED STATES GOV.

## Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 1-12-62

FROM : D. C. Morrell

SUBJECT: INQUIRY FROM CONGRESSMAN HAROLD T.  
(BIZZ) JOHNSON (D - CALIFORNIA)  
REGARDING [REDACTED] PROJECT  
CITY, CALIFORNIA

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By letter dated 1-8-62, Congressman Johnson noted [REDACTED] had sent a letter to the Director concerning FBI activities in the field of communism. He requested that he be furnished a copy of our reply to [REDACTED]

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By letter to the Director dated 12-11-61, [REDACTED] advised that on 11-28-61, Karl Prussion made a speech and, in response to an inquiry from the floor, stated as follows: "The Federal Bureau of Investigation is not good enough to combat Communism (in the U.S.) because they were not set up to do so. And besides they are under Executive order, and the order of the Attorney General." Correspondent stated that a number of citizens were disturbed by the statement and he requested a reply as to its veracity. Correspondent had furnished copies of his letter to several public officials "for possible Congressional inquiry on the inadequacy of the Federal Bureau of Investigation." Correspondent stated in his letter that Karl Prussion had been billed as "12 Years as an agent for the F.B.I. in California." It is noted a copy of this letter was designated to Congressman Johnson.

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INFORMATION IN BUFILES ON KARL PRUSSION:

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Bufiles reflect Karl Prussion was a Security Informant of our San Francisco Office from 1949 to 1958, at which time he disclosed his role as an informant to the newspapers. Prussion was interviewed on 12-29-61 regarding [REDACTED] letter, and he strongly denied the allegations made against him by [REDACTED]. He noted, in fact, that during the Anderson County speech he recalled stating that the FBI is an efficient investigative organization but is limited in what it can do in the fight against communism by lack of effective legislation, adverse interpretations of anticommunist laws by the courts and by policy decisions of the administration. Prussion stated he could see no honest implication of criticism of the Bureau arising out of any statements he made

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. M. A. Jones

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Morrell to DeLoach memorandum

1-12-62

Re: INQUIRY FROM CONGRESSMAN HAROLD T. (BIZZ) JOHNSON

during this speech. In addition, he noted that he has constantly urged the American public to learn more about communism and frequently quotes the Director and his book, "Masters of Deceit."

The San Francisco Office also advised that a review of press accounts of Prussion's talks, together with reports received concerning his appearances, gives no indication whatsoever that he has ever misrepresented his former connection with the FBI or of ever criticising the Bureau. He has, however, been very critical of the Democratic Party in California, the California Democratic Clubs and the Democratic Attorney General of California in alleging communist infiltration. This has made him many enemies in California, and Prussion contends he has been deliberately misquoted because of this.

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INFORMATION IN BUFILES ON [REDACTED]

Bufiles reflect that on 6-21-61, a citizen forwarded to the Bureau a newspaper clipping containing a letter to the Editor which had been signed by one [REDACTED] same address as correspondent. [REDACTED] was highly critical of the House Committee on Un-American Activities and "Operation Abolition." He stated: "The 'liberals' did not force any debate over the student demonstration and 'Operation Abolition'. The press, the HUAC and the FBI did that when they got the story wrong--factually wrong. Never mind philosophy--factually wrong. The Meisenbach trial made liars of those responsible for the film and the Hoover report on the demonstration, by the testimony of the officer involved as well as irrefutable numerous witnesses. The dual parts of the allegation of 'Communist-inspired violence,' made by Hoover and the house committee, remain what they always were--pure fabrication for the most insidious of political purposes: intimidation of legitimate, democratic political activity."

In view of the foregoing background information concerning [REDACTED] and the insulting tone of his letter of 12-11-61, no acknowledgment was made of his letter.

INFORMATION CONCERNING CONGRESSMAN JOHNSON:

We have enjoyed limited cordial relations with Congressman Johnson, and he was elected to Congress in November, 1958. He has referred constituent letters to us in the past as well as arranged special tours for his friends.

Morrell to DeLoach memorandum

1-12-62

Re: INQUIRY FROM CONGRESSMAN HAROLD T. (BIZZ) JOHNSON

RECOMMENDATION:

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That someone in your (Mr. DeLoach's) office contact Congressman Johnson and confidentially advise him of the above information concerning

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 1-31-62

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: KARL PRUSSION  
FORMER SAN FRANCISCO  
CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT

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BACKGROUND:

The El Cajon, California, "The Valley News" of 1-17-62 contains an editorial entitled "These Charges Can't Be Ignored!" Prussion, identified as a former undercover Agent for the FBI, is alleged to have told an Assembly Committee in San Francisco that he knows a member of the State Legislature who also is a member of the Communist Party. Prussion declined to identify this individual. The editorial, undoubtedly written by [redacted], stated Prussion was doing an injustice to the rest of the Legislature by withholding the name of this individual and feels that the FBI should want to know also if Prussion is lying because his veracity would be directly on whatever he may have told the FBI while he was one of their informants. ^

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Karl Prussion was a security informant of the San Francisco Office and was discontinued in 1958 after he disclosed his informant status to newspapermen. [redacted] is well known to the Bureau because of his many scurrilous attacks against the Director and the FBI as set forth in his editorials in the El Cajon "The Valley News." A discreet inquiry concerning [redacted] the El Cajon "The Valley News," in April, 1959, disclosed that he had no known criminal record in the El Cajon area; that he bore the reputation of "taking the other side, apparently for the sake of argument"; that reportedly he had attempted to prevent a photographer of another newspaper from taking pictures at a meeting of the American Civil Liberties Union in San Diego in May, 1957; and that in May, 1957, the San Diego Sobell Committee (committee seeking freedom for convicted Soviet espionage agent Morton Sobell) discussed writing a letter to [redacted] to see if it could show films in his home. (94-52395)

Bufiles contain no information as to the identity of the California State Assembly man to whom Prussion referred. It is felt that such information should be obtained so as to better evaluate any subsequent inquiries that might be made along this line.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached airtel to San Francisco be approved and sent.

Enclosure  
 Mr. Sullivan

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1 - Mr. Smith

February 2, 1962

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[redacted]  
Carmichael, California

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DATE 4/24/02 BY SP3AM/ehj

Dear [redacted]

Your letter dated January 26, 1962, has been received. The interest which prompted your communicating with me is appreciated.

The individual you referred to is undoubtedly Karl Prussion who furnished information concerning subversive activities on a confidential basis to this Bureau from 1949 to 1958 and was compensated for his services. He was not employed as a Special Agent of the FBI. Mr. Prussion's opinions and comments are strictly his own and do not represent those of this Bureau in any manner.

I am enclosing some literature which you may like to read.

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FEB 2-1962  
COMM-FBI

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Enclosures - 4

- Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Belmont \_\_\_\_\_
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FBI - [redacted]  
SEC. [redacted]

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[REDACTED]

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent is listed in the Carmichael, California, telephone book as [REDACTED] Bufiles contain no record of this individual. Karl Prussion has been publicly identified as a former Bureau informant. He was a security informant of the San Francisco Office and was discontinued in 1958 after he disclosed his informant status to newspapermen. (61-9152)

The following items of literature were sent to the correspondent:

1. "The Communist Party Line."
2. Director's Statement dated 4-17-61 regarding Internal Security.
3. "The Faith to be Free."
4. Reprint from October, 1961, "FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin."

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TRUE COPY

[redacted]  
Carmichael, Calif.  
26 January 1962

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I have recently heard a speech by one Carl Prussion of Los Altos, Calif. who claims to have been a past Communist who spied for you for a number of years.

Could you answer the following questions:

- (1) Is Mr. Prussion a past Communist?
- (2) Is he still a Communist?
- (3) Does he or did he work against Communism for the F.B.I."

I do not request this information for ulterior motives. I only wish to know if Mr. Prussion tells the truth or if his information is unsound.

Thank you,

/s/

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26 January 1962

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington D.C.

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Gentlemen:

I have recently heard a speech by one Carl Prussian of  
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years.

Would you answer the following questions:

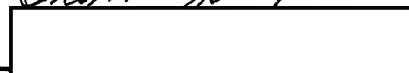
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- ③ Has he or did he work against Communism  
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I do not request this information for ulterior motives. I only  
wish to know if Mr. Prussian tells the truth or if his  
information is untruthful.

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Thank you,



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1 - Mr. Smith

February 8, 1962

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61-7150-122

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Mr. James R. Taylor  
Post Office Box 285  
Woodland Hills, California

Dear Mr. Taylor:

Your letter dated February 1, 1962, with enclosures has been received.

The FBI is strictly an investigative agency and its jurisdiction and responsibilities do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication. Therefore, I am unable to give you advice or counsel regarding the matter discussed in your letter.

I can, however, advise you that Karl Prussion furnished information concerning subversive activities on a confidential basis to this Bureau from 1949 to 1958 and was compensated for his services. He was not employed as a Special Agent of the FBI. Mr. Prussion's opinions and comments are strictly his own and do not represent those of this Bureau in any manner.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover

2 Los Angeles (Enc-6)

Director

ATTENTION: SAC, Los Angeles

Enclosed for the SAC, Los Angeles, are two copies of the correspondent's letter and two copies of each enclosure furnished by correspondent. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning James R. Taylor or the Committee of Christian

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Mr. James R. Taylor

ATTENTION: SAC, Los Angeles -- CONTINUED:

Laymen, Woodland Hills, California. Karl Prussion has been identified as a former Bureau informant. He was a security informant of the San Francisco Office who was discontinued in 1958 after he disclosed his informant status to newspapermen.

Los Angeles should review its files for any information concerning correspondent and/or his organization. The Bureau specifically desires information which would assist in determining how future correspondence from Taylor should be handled. You should conduct no investigation; however, if your files do not contain the necessary information, you should consider contacting selected established confidential sources who are in a position to furnish such information. Your attention is directed to the enclosed leaflets which were furnished by correspondent. It is obvious this group is fostering an anticommunist movement critical of the National Council of Churches. Taylor under no circumstances should become aware of any inquiries made by your office. Submit your reply under appropriate caption making reference to this letter.

TRUE COPY

February 1, 1962

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

We are considering the advisability of enlisting the services of Mr Karl Prussion for our speakers bureau. We understand that Mr Prussion was recruited into the Communist Party in 1933 while still a student at Wayne University in Detroit. We are informed that he served as an under-cover agent for your office from 1947 until 1959 at which time he gave sworn testimony in regard to the Communist conspiracy.

Is our information as stated above correct? Do you as a result of your experience consider Mr Prussion a responsible person? Have you any reason to feel that Mr. Prussion would mis-represent his activities and experiences while serving in the Communist conspiracy or later as an under-cover agent for your office?

We feel that we can render a service by informing the public regarding communism and that Mr Prussion should be well qualified providing he has, in your opinion, rendered satisfactory service to your office. Will you please advise.

Yours very truly,

/s/ James R. Taylor - Pres.

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February 1, 1962

Mr. S. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

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Yours very truly,

James R. Taylor - Pres.

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# ~~The~~ National Council of Churches of Christ

## A Menace To Church And State

To Church Lay People:

Word comes from Oakland, California, that Dr. Robert D. Bulkley, head of the Presbyterian Synod of California; Bishop Pike of the Episcopalians; Bishop Tippet of the Methodists; McCray of the Baptists; and Sumner Waters of the Stockton Episcopal Diocese held a press conference on January 11 and condemned the anti-Communist School to be held in the Bay area Jan. 29—Feb. 2, 1962. The Red Manifesto issued Dec. 5, 1960, by Moscow called on the Communists to take steps to blunt the growing "grass roots" anti-Communist movement in our country, so once again we find the National Council oriented clergy giving aid and comfort to Communist causes.

Christian Century, which serves as a defender of the National Council, in the Sept. 13, 1961 issue, carried a two-page article which was critical of anti-Communist Schools but in the same issue the following appeared "for two Toast Postie box tops and a four cent stamp you can get from Carl McIntire, Collingswood, New Jersey, a windshield sticker that says "I am a card carrying American." Dr. Carl McIntire and patriotism both seem to get under the skin of the people in control of the National Council of Churches.

Dr. John C. Bennett, Dean of Union Theological Seminary, prominent in the National Council and World Council of Churches, gained more notoriety on David Susskind's T.V. program "Open End" on Dec. 10, 1961, by stating "The Church should not fight Communism" (L.A. Times, Jan. 14, 1962). Dean Bennett, you will recall, was quoted as making a number of complimentary remarks in regard to Communism by Dr. Chas. S. Poling in his "Expanded Statement". It is then evident that ministers, in opposing the anti-Communist Schools, are following the policy of The National Council of Churches, all of which indicate that the Clergy who subscribe to the N.C.C. line are entirely out of step with lay opinion.

The Tidewater Oil Company, following their broadcast of the Glendale Crusade over T.V., had a survey made to determine public reaction. They found that 98% of the people praised this educational work in regard to Communism. It is the National Council of Churches who has lost touch with the laymen. Christians can not compromise with Communism.

Thirty-five Baptist Churches in the Bay area, belonging to the Conservative Baptist Association, wholeheartedly endorsed the forthcoming Bay area anti-Communism Crusade under the leadership of Dr. Fred C. Schwarz. Thank God for this kind of Church leadership. We are sorry we can not give more space to praising them.

If you agree that the Bible and patriotism are the keystones of American greatness and that the Communists can win everything by destroying respect for these two forces in American life, how can you continue in your complacency in regard to the National Council of Churches?

Our committee now has in its possession a recording made at Union Theological Seminary of the play "For Heaven's Sake" presented at the North American Ecumenical Youth Assembly at Ann Arbor, Michigan, August 16-23, 1961. One scene, "He was a flop at 33", refers to the life of Jesus. Another, a gambling scene, is called "Give Me God Blues." Any one with children should arrange to hear this sacreligious presentation. Mrs. Arvia Bosnian, our secretary, will gladly arrange for you to hear this record. Bear in mind that this was a youth assembly held under the sponsorship of a division of The National Council of Churches.

We do not know of a single instance where a minister has given leadership in opposing the pacifist, socialistic, one-world, one-church N.C.C. program where the church is not strong and united. On the other hand we do not know of a church where the minister is fighting to told the N.C.C. line that the church is not in financial trouble and torn by strife. We can name many in this category. You lay people have it in your power to determine the future of your local church. What are you going to do?

~~X~~ Committee of Christian Laymen

P. O. Box 285  
Woodland Hills, California  
(A Non-Profit Organization)

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*When Does Your Church Stand in Regard To*

## **The National Council of Churches of Christ?**

Dr. Emil Brunner of Zurich, Switzerland, one of the World's eminent protestant theologians, charges that the ecumenical deliberations of The National Council and World Council of Churches adopt themselves more and more to Communism and cited the Fifth World Order Study Conference, sponsored by the Department of International Affairs of The National Council of Churches as an example. Dr. Brunner states: "The Church without being Communist unwittingly plays the game of Communism."

The Vatican radio has warned that the Soviet government will now use the World Council of Churches as a platform for political propaganda following the admittance of the Russian Orthodox Church to membership at New Delhi.

Dr. G. Aiken Taylor, editor of The Presbyterian Journal states: "Before New Delhi, the World Council of Churches by no means conveyed as radical a theological and social image as The National Council of Churches, to be sure the theological shallowness which characterizes the ecumenical movement generally could be detected in the W.C.C. literature, but not nearly as pronounced as in that of The National Council of Churches. There was a strong stand for social justice but very little of the radical Socialist bias which gives aid and comfort to Communism, as can be seen in The National Council of Churches."

On December 5, 1960, Moscow issued a Red Manifesto instructing its agents to take steps to counteract a growing anti-Communist movement. The Manifesto equates Socialism with Communism, as different phases of the same movement. The co-existence of states with different social systems is a form of class struggle between Socialism and Capitalism according to the Manifesto.

The Manifesto proposes that the anti-Communists be labeled with such terms as John Birchers, extreme rightists, reactionaries, fascists, McCarthyites, sowers of discord, etc., as a means of building up public apathy toward the growing grass roots anti-Communist movement. If you want the whole story write the U.S. Government Printing Office and order the pamphlet "The New Drive Against the Anti-Communist Program." (July 11, 1961).

The First Presbyterian Church of Hollywood, the largest in the denomination, has taken a firm stand in regard to The National Council of Churches.

Dr. Harold L. Fickett Jr., Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Van Nuys, the largest Baptist Church in the Valley writes: "I want to commend the Committee of Christian Laymen for the good work which you are doing in alerting the people of our area to the true nature of the National Council of Churches. I am profoundly convinced that this organization is seeking to lead all of protestantism into a program which is basically socialistic."

"Since the Bible and patriotism are the keystones to American greatness, the Communists can win everything by destroying respect for these two things in American Life." — John Noble (9 years a Communist prisoner).

What has your Church done and where do you stand?

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ENCLOSURE



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach *Plan*

DATE: 2-13-62

FROM : M. A. Jones *W*SUBJECT: KARL PRUSSION  
FORMER SAN FRANCISCO  
CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT

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BACKGROUND:

My memo to you of 1-31-62, captioned as above, referred to an editorial in a California newspaper concerning Prussion's statement where he allegedly told an Assembly Committee in San Francisco that he knows a member of the State Legislature who also is a member of the Communist Party (CP). Prussion declined to identify this individual. Accordingly, by airtel of 1-31, the San Francisco Office was requested to furnish the Bureau the name of the individual Prussion referred to, as well as the nature of his statements before the California Assembly.

RESULTS OF FIELD REPLY:

By airtel of February 7, San Francisco Office advised that Prussion spoke at a patriotic meeting on 11-10-61 at Van Nuys, California, during which he described Gus Hawkins, a California Assemblyman from Los Angeles, as a communist. Hawkins is head of the Rules Committee of the California Assembly. Prussion stated that as long as a man like Hawkins was in the California Assembly, there would be no effective anticommunist legislation enacted. In response to a letter to Attorney General Stanley Mosk about Hawkins from a member of the American Legion, Mosk, by reply of 11-21-61, denied that Hawkins is a member of the CP.

Prussion was interviewed by Bureau Agents on 12-29-61 concerning Hawkins and stated he had no personal knowledge that Hawkins is a communist, but had based his statements on Prussion's research in newspaper files. He recalled that one research article had recited that Hawkins had been identified in Texas by a former CP member as having been a member of the Party in Texas.

The "San Francisco Examiner" of 1-16-62 reported Prussion's testimony before the California Assembly Interim Committee on 1-15-62, in which Prussion made the statement that a member of the legislature was also a communist. Prussion testified that Attorney General Mosk's Office is in possession of that information, but he declined to name the Legislator "because of the complexities of the law."

1 - Mr. Sullivan

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Jones to DeLoach Memo  
Re: Karl Prussion

INFORMATION IN BUFILES:

Hawkins' activities in connection with CP front organizations go back to 1935. According to information received from G-2, Sixth Army, in February, 1947, Hawkins is identified as a CP member.

In 1947, the California Legislative Report of the Committee on Un-American Activities set forth the following information about Hawkins:

"In 1943 Hawkins endorsed a drive for funds for the 'People's Daily World.' In 1942 Hawkins urged the release of Earl Browder, then National Secretary of the Communist Party in the United States, who at that time was serving a four-year sentence in a Federal penitentiary. Hawkins was one of a handful of assemblymen in the California Legislature who consistently voted against the activities of the California State Legislature Committee, which was then investigating Un-American activities in the state. In 1943 Hawkins succeeded Oscar Fuss, former functionary, in the Communist-dominated Workers Alliance, as Legislative Director for the Congress for Industrial Organizations."

The Workers Alliance has been cited by the Department of Justice as falling within the purview of Executive Order 10450.

Bufiles contain numerous other references to Hawkins' association with CP members and organizations.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

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1-31-62

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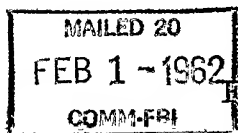
From: Director, FBI

KARL PRUSSION  
FORMER SF 1741-S CONF. INFT.  
RESEARCH (CRIME RECORDS)  
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Enclosed is a self-explanatory editorial from the 1-17-62 issue of "The Valley News" regarding the above-captioned individual. So that the Bureau will be better able to evaluate any inquiries with respect to Prussion's statement as indicated in the editorial, you are instructed to submit appropriate information dealing with the identity of the individual to whom Prussion referred, as well as the nature of his statement before the California Assembly. Results of your inquiry should reach the Bureau no later than 2-9-62, captioned as above.

Enclosure



Follow-up made for 2-9-62

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NOTE: See Jones to DeLoach memo of 1-31-62 captioned "Karl Prussion, Former San Francisco Confidential Informant." JMM:tmf

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## These Charges Can't Be Ignored!

A man named Karl Prussion, who identifies himself as a former undercover agent for the FBI, told an Assembly committee in San Francisco this week that he knows a member of the state legislature who also is a member of the Communist Party.

This amazing charge was unfolded before the Assembly Interim Committee on Constitutional Amendments which is conducting hearings on a proposed amendment to deny public employment or tax exemptions to any Communist.

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No sooner had Prussion made his charge than he added that he would not name any names, although the chairman of the committee, Milton Marks, San Francisco Republican, tried to insist that he do so.

If this former undercover agent does in fact know that any member of the state legislature is a Communist, he is doing the state a grave disservice to keep his information to himself.

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Furthermore, if Prussion is telling the truth, he has no reason for being so cautious. There is no danger involved in labeling a Communist for what he is. On the contrary, there could be great danger in not labeling him. If there be any man in the state assembly who is secretly plotting the overthrow of our government by force and violence, or who even passively favors such behavior, or holds membership in an organization which does, then the public should know this man's name.

Apart from the danger such a man represents in his own right, he also casts a shadow upon every member of the Assembly so long as he remains unidentified.

Why then does this man Prussion refuse to talk? When there is no argument for his silence and every argument against it, why does he still keep mum?

One answer to all these questions is that Prussion may be lying. If he is not lying, at least he is behaving exactly like a man who is lying would behave.

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Whatever the worth of Prussion's testimony, it should not be left lying where it has fallen.

The Assembly, the FBI, and the public all have an interest in knowing whether this man is merely a publicity seeker who will say anything to keep the spotlight focused on himself.

The Assembly needs to know the truth because its entire membership has been smeared. The FBI should want to know if Prussion is lying, because his veracity here bears directly on whatever he may have told the FBI while he was one of their informers.

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And the public needs to know for obvious reasons. We need to know the truth about our Assemblymen. We also need to know about the truthfulness of these men who parade around in public as "former undercover agents," and who always seem to turn up in public places to capitalize on their shadowy past. Don't former undercover agents ever just retire into respectable obscurity, like old prostitutes?

The legislature must have some means of verifying or exploding such stories as Prussion has told. There must be some committee which can probe for the facts. Simple justice demands that the truth be brought to light!

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"The Valley News"  
El Cajon, Calif.  
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 3/9/62

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (62-5241)

SUBJECT: JAMES R. TAYLOR  
INFORMATION CONCERNING*KARL PRUSSIAN*ReBulet to Mr. JAMES R. TAYLOR, Post Office Box 285,  
Woodland Hills, Calif., dated 2/8/62.

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The files and indices of the Los Angeles Office were reviewed and they contained the following information regarding JAMES R. TAYLOR and his organization Committee of Christian Laymen, Woodland Hills, Calif.

On 2/2/62 TAYLOR directed a letter to <sup>The</sup> Los Angeles Office concerning the bombings of two ministers' homes in the valley, Bufile 157-490. He said that [REDACTED] had received an anonymous telephone call the following morning after the bombings intimating that the Committee of Christian Laymen was responsible for the bombings.

TAYLOR pointed out in his letter that his organization was voicing opinions expressed by the two largest churches in the valley, namely The First Presbyterian Church of Hollywood and The First Baptist Church of Van Nuys, and could hardly be called extremists.

Attached to his letter was a publication No. 22 with the heading, "The National Council of Churches of Christ a Menace To Church and State." This publication was addressed "To Church Lay People" and signed at the bottom by Committee of Christian Laymen, P. O. Box 285, Woodland Hills, Calif. (A non-profit organization.) This is one of the same publications that he added as an enclosure to his letter to the Bureau dated 2/1/62.

The records of the Los Angeles Retail Merchants Credit Association were caused to be searched by IC [REDACTED] on 3/1/62 and they contained the following information concerning JAMES R. TAYLOR. He listed his age as 62 in June of 1960; his address as 20937 Dumetz Road, Woodland Hills, Calif.; his address in 1954 was listed as 1254 N. W.

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11th Road, Gainesville, Florida, and his occupation in 1954 was listed as President of Dixieland Specialist Company, P. O. Box 146, Gainesville, Florida, a family corporation. He listed himself as retired as of September, 1960, and his wife's name was listed as [REDACTED]. His income was declined and he listed a checking account at Bank of America, Woodland Hills, Calif.

[REDACTED]  
The records of the Los Angeles Police Department and Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office were caused to be searched by IC [REDACTED] on 2/27/62 and contained no information identifiable with JAMES R. TAYLOR.

[REDACTED] who is aware of Communist Party as well as anti-communist activity, was contacted on 2/27/62 and could furnish no information concerning JAMES R. TAYLOR or the Organization, Committee of Christian Laymen.

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Western Manufacturing Company  
Post Office Box 162  
Grand Prairie, Texas

Dear [redacted]

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Your letter of July 9th has been received.

With respect to your inquiry, I would like to point out that Mr. Karl Prussion furnished information concerning subversive activities on a confidential basis to this Bureau from 1949 to 1958 and was compensated for his services. He was not employed as a Special Agent of the FBI, and his opinions and comments are strictly his own and do not represent this Bureau in any manner.

Enclosed is some literature I hope will be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Enclosures (5)

FBI Jurisdiction Does Not Cover Making Evaluations  
Communism and The Knowledge to Combat It!  
Shall It Be Law or Tyranny?  
Why Reds Make Friends with Businessmen  
The Courage of Free Men

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record identifiable with correspondent. Karl Prussion was a security informant of the San Francisco Office and was discontinued in 1958 after he disclosed his informant status to newspapermen.

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July 9, 1962.

1505 EAST MAIN STREET  
Box 165  
GRAND PRAIRIE, TEXAS  
NEW P. O. BOX 162

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have recently acquired a recording by a Mr. Karl Prussion, entitled, "Inside a Communist Cell." In it he claims to have been a counterspy in order to prove his change of heart. He goes on to say that after twelve years he decided that the United States was losing ground to communism and that he wanted to make a complete break so that he could bring his knowledge of their insidious operations out into the open.

I have no reason to doubt the authenticity of the recording. It conveys the most graphic impression of the nature of communism of any presentation of such a short length that I know of. For this reason and coupled with another, that so many people are so completely apathetic and unwilling to learn anything of the dangers of communist infiltration, I thought it would be an excellent recording to use in preparing a program for the young people's group in my church and possibly some other groups also. I do not want to use anything that is not true or well documented. For this reason I would like to know if you are at liberty to confirm this man's claim to being a counterspy.

The recording has apparently been endorsed by Louis Frances, a member of the California legislature, as this name is printed on the envelope under an explanation of its contents. However, knowing the confidence that the American people have in you for your dedication to your job and our country, if I have positive proof that Karl Prussion actually was a counterspy, I don't see how anyone could be disbelieving or apathetic after hearing the record.

This may seem like an unnecessary request to you, but I am amazed at the blindness and disbelief of some people even when evidence is before them, witness the efforts to discredit the film, "Operation Abolition", as being any evidence of communist agitation. I have heard people excuse themselves of any interest or responsibility in this situation with such flippant statements as, "I don't worry about things like that, the F. B. I. should take care of it."

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I know you are a busy man, but I would greatly appreciate any helpful information you might give me.

Sincerely yours,

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Insurance Securities Inc.  
100 California Street  
San Francisco 11, California

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Dear [Redacted]:

I have received your letter of July 5th and want to thank you for your good wishes and thoughtfulness in writing as you did.

① With regard to your inquiry, Mr. Karl Prussion was not employed as a Special Agent of the FBI; however, he furnished information concerning subversive activities on a confidential basis to this Bureau from 1949 to 1958 for which he was compensated. He is no longer serving in this capacity. His opinions and comments are strictly his own and do not represent this Bureau in any manner.

Clyde and I are sorry we missed seeing [Redacted] and you during your recent trip to Washington but hope to have the opportunity to visit with you soon.

Sincerely,

Edgar

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NOTE: [Redacted] is on the Special Correspondents' List on a first-name basis.

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

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DATE 4-24-80 BY SP2ALM/ajj

Dear Edgar:

[redacted] and I were sorry not to have had the opportunity to visit with you and Clyde Tolson during our recent trip to Washington but look forward to seeing you soon.

In the meanwhile, I would appreciate receiving some indication as to the reliability of one Karl Prussion, allegedly a former "FBI counterspy". He now publishes a letter in Los Altos called "Heads Up" dedicated to "Fight and Expose Communism Everywhere".

Some of the information contained in one of his recent Letters could be very helpful to us in the forthcoming elections but I hesitate to use it until I have a better idea as to Prussion's integrity and reliability.

With thanks and all good wishes,

Sincerely,

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# HEADS UP!

Dedicated to Fight and Expose Communism Everywhere.

P. O. Box 913, Los Altos, California

Volume II, Number 1

Karl Prussion

Former F.B.I. Counterspy

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The editor of "Heads-Up", for the first time, presents the following authentic report of a cell meeting held in the residence of Dr. Michael Shapovalov, (former Stanford University professor, and author of "Soviet Union", a textbook widely used throughout the U. S. in many of our elementary schools).

This report is published to impress the reader with the reality of the threat from within, and for the great need of organization, study, and orderly activity against this vicious, yet subtle, conspiracy. This is the type of cell meeting that is being held in your community, only the names and locations are different.

Occasion: Communist Party Cell Meeting. Place: Residence of Michael Shapovalov, Menlo Park, Calif. Date and Time: Wednesday, May 21, 1958, 8 p.m. Attending: Karl Prussion (counterspy), Doris Dawson, Gertrude Adler, Mary Field (cell organizer), Elizabeth Nicholas (section organizer), Elliot Wilson, Dr. Holland Roberts, (candidate for Superintendent of Public Instruction in 1958), Belle Ross, Dr. Michael Shapovalov, Isaac Folkoff, Sara Alchermes, Mary Wilson, Esther Shapovalov, Ed Schneider, Ed Ross, Isobel Cerney (educator), Edwin H. Cerney and Walter Harju. Absent: Harvey Richards, Ed Becks, Gelsomine Becks.

The meeting was called to order by cell organizer, Mary Field. Minutes of the previous meeting were read by Mary Wilson and approved. All members were reported to have paid their dues by courier.

## Red Press

Sara Alchermes, educational director, reported that the drive to raise \$68,000 for the People's World (official organ of the communist party) was lagging in Santa Clara County and she spurred the cell on to greater activity. She related the methods employed successfully in Seattle, Washington. She moved that the cell contribute \$40.00 additional to

the Communist press. Motion passed with no opposition.

The cell organizer read a stirring communication from the Northern District Secretary of the Communist Party asking all members to contribute one day's pay to the party. Dr. Shapovalov supported the demand by offering one week's pay. There was no opposition. All members were then ordered to contribute one day's pay in cash within three days to courier Elizabeth Nicholas.

## Hidden Identity

A motion was made and carried that member, Elliot Wilson be dropped from the party because "he is getting his Master's Degree and would soon be applying for employment with the State Board of Education, and would like to be able to swear that he is not a member of the communist party". (Elliot Wilson is one of many Communists who 'dropped

out' to hide his identity. There are an equal number of such 'drop-out' communists in California as there are those attending cell meetings. William King, electronic engineer, and Alvin White professor of physics, are other examples of those dropped from the cell).

## California Democratic Clubs

Ed Ross, of the county political commission, reported that great progress was being made by the party in the California Democratic Council, and that he was trying to amalgamate the Palo Alto California Democratic Club with the Stanford University Club. Such a move, he stated, would give the communists complete control of both clubs. He

also spoke of the unexpected strength and control wielded by the party in the California Democratic Clubs on a statewide level.

He continued with a lengthy report on political activity, urging all members to double their efforts in their union, church, political and civic organizations to defeat the "Right to Work Bill", and to go all-out in the drive to elect Brown as Governor, Mosk as Attorney General, Allan Isaksen as Assemblyman, and Russell Bryan as Congressman.

He then proceeded to brag that, through his employment as a ball bearing salesman, he had access to missile plants and was thoroughly familiar with missile problems, that he knew when and where missiles are to be fired. He was admonished for that last statement by the cell organizer and told to "keep his mouth shut", that the cell meeting was not the place to reveal such information.

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## MOSK UNMASKED

The Communists have the influence today in the economic, political and social institutions of America than ever in the history of their activity on our shores. Their work is more intense and effective in California than in any other state in our Union. Always hiding their identity, they have become influential to a most alarming degree in the California Democratic Clubs. This condition is well known to Attorney General Stanley Mosk. Regardless, he has not taken any actions within his power to investigate, apprehend or to prosecute these agents of a foreign power. On the contrary, all of his decisions pertaining to this criminal and continuous conspiracy have given aid and comfort to it.

During this most critical period, he chose to carry out a 'deep and penetrating' investigation of patriotic groups. He, together with Governor Brown, Bishop Pike and other communist apologists started a most shameful and disgusting attack on one of the too few organizations in America that is acutely aware of Red Fascist menace in our midst, and is beginning to combat it in an organized, orderly and intelligent manner—namely the John Birch Society. Mosk does not attack or investigate the left-wing juggernaut that is steam rolling through our state, because such an attack or investigation could expose him and his associates as communist pawns.

Let us, then, examine the background of our Attorney General - this "Patriot Baiter".

### Communist Sympathizer

On July 19, 1940, George Oliver Bertholon, a counter-spy on communist activities in California, testified about the political activities he engaged in. He said that the Communist party was active in the 1938 elections in California, and that it, in part, worked through the California Federation for Political Unity (cited as a communist front by the California Committee on Un-American Activities in its 1943 report). He stated that many communists in these two organizations who worked in the 1938 campaign were rewarded with political appointments by the successful Administration headed by Gov. Olson. When asked for the names of those Communists, he testified as follows:

"Mr. Bertholon: William Plunkert, whom I have mentioned above; James Burford was made assistant to Claudia Williams; Frank Scully, a fellow traveler, who was made assistant director of institutions; and Mort Newman, who was made director of Los Angeles N.Y.A.; Morris Stanley Mosk was made one Olson secretary; and I understand that Charles Page was rewarded by Patterson. A number of others were placed in position by the State Administration, but I do not remember their names.

Mr. Stedman: Are all the people mentioned above, to your knowledge, members of the Communist Party?

Mr. Bertholon: They are, except Morris Stanley Mosk, who is a sympathizer, but I cannot state definitely that he is a member of the party."

This, then, is the beginning of the political career of Mosk in California.

### Speaks at Workman's Circle Rally

The Daily People's World of May 22, 1942, (official organ of the Communist Party) reported that one Stanley Mosk, Executive Secretary to California Governor Olson, was introduced and spoke at a meeting of the Workmen's Circle of Los Angeles. The meeting was held on May 17, in the Philharmonic Auditorium. This information appeared in

a letter from one A. Rothblatt, of Los Angeles, who stated that Stanley Mosk "hailed the spirit of comradeship and self-sacrifice which manifests itself and grows during the war emergency period." (Communists and left-wingers, indeed rallied together and made sacrifices during World War II to guarantee that the Soviet Union won the war. Where is Mr. Mosk's spirit and self-sacrifice today in the fight against the communists from within and without? Ed.)

The Workmen's Circle characterized itself as "the largest radical workingmen's fraternal order in existence". (New Leaders, January 23, 1937) It consists, in the main, of Socialists of various degrees, but all dedicated to a Socialist State. In 1927 a large group of its communist members, who differed in tactics, split away and formed the International Workers Order. It has been and is today an established communist front organization.

According to the Daily People's World of May 16, 1943, Stanley Mosk was a scheduled speaker at a meeting for American-Soviet Friendship (embryo of "peaceful coexistence." Ed.) held under the auspices of the International Workers Order and ICOR.

### Judges Red Oratorical Contest

The Daily People's World of February 11, 1944 reported that the Los Angeles Chamber of American Youth for Democracy was conducting an oratorical contest on the 18 year-old vote, and that three persons, namely Superior Court Judge Stanley Mosk, a Los Angeles Assemblyman, and an American Youth for Democracy officer, would act as judges

at finals of the contest on February 27. "The American Youth for Democracy was formed in 1943 to succeed the Young Communist League for the purpose of exploiting to the advantage of a foreign power the idealism, inexperience, and craving to join, which is characteristic of American college youth." (HCUA, April 18, 1947)

According to the People's World of March 23, 1944, Mosk "will speak at a meeting of the Westside District of the International Worker's Order at the Hollywood High School auditorium." He was also to be a guest on May 30, 1943 at a "May Festival" of this subversive group. The principal speaker at this meeting was Dalton Trumbo who was convicted of contempt of Congress. Mr. Mosk was fully aware that by speaking and being at these meetings, he gave aid and comfort through his prestige and his position to (Ed.) "one of the strongest, the most effective and closely knit organizations among the communist front movements. . . . It has contributed large sums of money to Communist Party campaigns, and regularly sponsors Communist-Party endorsed candidates for public office." (Attorney General Francis Biddle in the Congressional Record, Sept. 24, 1942.)

**Mosk and the  
National Lawyers'  
Guild**

According to the Los Angeles Daily Journal (law journal) of September 12, 1944, Stanley Mosk was a member of the executive board of the Los Angeles Chapter of the National Lawyers Guild. The National Lawyers Guild has a high percentage of communist stalwart members. It consistently espouses Red causes, and is one of the major factors contributing to the strength of communism. It has on many occasions been cited as a communist front. Ed. (Special Committee on Un-American Activities Report March 29, 1944, page 149).

In recent years Attorney General Mosk has appointed Lawyers Guild members to his staff. One of these lawyers was Mrs. Vaino Spencer who served as a member of his Advisory Committee on Constitutional Rights since 1959, and then on the California Law Revision Commission since 1960. (See following article on Gov. Brown ).

According to the California Eagle, he was chairman of the American Jewish Congress meeting held at the Philharmonic Auditorium on January 10, 1945. The Southern California Division of the American Jewish Congress was cited as communist infiltrated. At its convention in 1948 it went on record against loyalty checks and called for the abolition of the Congressional Committees and the Tenny State Legislative Committee. (These Communist Party line policies were continued and enlarged at its 1949 convention.)

**Mosk and  
the A.C.L.U.**

The Attorney General has been guest of honor and featured speaker at many meetings sponsored by the American Civil Liberties Union, an organization that is open to communists and their sympathizers. It is a main target of Red infiltration and is saturated with them. This organization in conjunction with the National Lawyers Guild (cited subversive) has been the protective shield of the conspiracy. It is through the efforts of this infiltrated organization that the communists have been able to continue their work as foreign agents as a "legalized illegality". The following are a few of the meetings that Mosk addressed: October 16, 1948, principal speaker at an anniversary meeting of the ACLU. (Open Forum, publication of the ACLU.) May 16, 1955, chaired a meeting at Hollywood Athletic Club. (People's World) July 28, 1956, spoke at a testimonial banquet honoring A. L. Wirin, ACLU consul chief, at the Statler Hotel, Los Angeles. Mr. Wirin is a former partner to Leo Gallagher, Los Angeles communist lawyer, and is listed in the California Un-American Activities reports for 1943, 1947, 1948, 1949 and the HCUA reports for 1938, 1940, 1941, and 1943. September 23, 1959, Mosk was chief speaker at a meeting of the Marin Chapter of the ACLU held on the Rodger Kent Estate in Kentfield to mark the ACLU's 25th Anniversary in Northern California.

According to Mr. Wirin, "Stanley Mosk is a member of the American Civil Liberties Union". Wirin was the defense lawyer for 15 California Communists on the Smith Act violation. During the trial Wirin stated that his clients were "proud to be communists". (Los Angeles Herald Express, February 6, 1952)

**Mosk and the  
Communist Regime  
In Yugoslavia**

On November 1, 1945, the name of Stanley Mosk appeared on the letterhead of the American Committee for Yugoslav Relief. This organization was cited by the House Committee on Un-American Activities as a "communist front whose 'collection of funds for relief' was only incidental to, and a cover for, its propaganda activities in behalf of the communist regime in Yugoslavia." (committee on Un-American Activities, H. R. 1951, April 26, 1950).

The Daily People's World of September 9, 1946 reported that a Citizens Committee to aid Hearst strikers was formed in Los Angeles as negotiations continued between the Herald Express and CIO Newspaper Guildsmen Stanley Mosk's name was listed among those on this committee. This committee was cited as a communist inspired and dominated group by the California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report 1945, page 180.

**Mosk and  
'Hobnailed Boots'**

The Daily People's World of March 7, 1956 quoted Mosk as saying: "The Cahan ruling, does not hinder the police, but they 'may now find it necessary to use their heads rather than hobnailed boots' ". This statement of Mosk falls in line with the long-standing Communist tactic of trying to cause disrespect for our law-enforcing agencies among the citizens by describing them with related phrases such as "goon squads", "Gestapos", "police state", "police brutality", etc. Talk of this kind by the Attorney General is not surprising, judging from his past and present association and activity. However, it is most interesting when one recalls that when Stanley was executive secretary to Governor Olson, that he, personally drew on a check from State funds to pay the agents who planted a dictograph microphone in the hotel bedroom of the then Assembly Speaker Garland and his wife. Garland was at that time Olson's chief political rival. Mosk tried to shift the blame for this dastardly Soviet tactic to former Rep. John Phillips of Banning. This attempt to assassinate the character of Rep. John Phillips was strongly reprimanded by the assembly committee investigating interference with the legislative by the following report, "The Committee also observes that not excessive zeal or blind loyalty can excuse the rash indiscretion of publicly accusing an innocent person, as in the case of Sen. Phillips, of subversive actions."

Mosk finally admitted his part in this subversive activity and was severely censured by the State Legislature. This is Stanley Mosk, a participant in the most flagrant violation of civil rights, who, today, as Attorney General has broad and unlimited investigative powers.

**Mosk Clears  
Communist Teachers**

In August, 1959, the House Committee on Un-American Activities served approximately one hundred subpoenas to teachers for the purpose of interrogating them on their communist affiliations. The reports concerning these teachers were rendered useless to the school districts in their screening of possible subversives by an order from Attorney

General Mosk dated February 2, 1960: "I recognize that the reports, standing alone, could not be used by the

Superintendent of Public Instruction as evidence in any action which might be taken by the State against the individual persons who were subjects of the various reports....unless one secures the names of the persons submitting such information, and produces such persons as witnesses; statements, even though they are allegedly from reliable sources, are of absolutely no value and may be completely discounted."

With one stroke of his pen Mosk has made it impossible to clean the obviously numerous, subversive, "educators" from our school system! He knows very well that to produce these witnesses would almost completely destroy the counterspy activities of those who labor to gather information on this criminal conspiracy.

### Mosk and Family

An alleged sister of the Attorney General was reported to be a member of the Communist Party (an affidavit to substantiate this charge is available). His brother, Ed Mosk, is reported through various governmental agencies, to have been associated with more than twenty communist-front organizations, and to have been a leader of the Independent

Progressive Party, an outright communist political front. He also served as an instructor at the People's Educational Center (People's World, June 27, 1947). The P. E. C. was cited as subversive by the U. S. Loyalty Review Board, September 1948). Mrs. Stanley Mosk was an ardent supporter of the Independent Progressive Party. If the Attorney General is really interested in fighting subversion, he can start by cleaning up his own family.

The above resume of the Attorney General's extreme left background is, of course, fragmentary and incomplete. He does not qualify for the job with which he is entrusted. He seeks reelection. All citizens--Democrats, Republicans and Independents must join together to defeat this pseudo-political charlatan. We must replace him with an Attorney General who is acutely aware of Communist tactics, and willing and able to carry out a strong two-fisted battle against them.

Mosk has, indeed, been an aid and comfort to the communists; and is, therefore, greatly responsible for the gains they have been making. On the other hand, Mosk has been openly attacking and investigating patriots and organizations that are aware of the menace, and are doing something about it in an orderly manner.

When the Louis Francis Initiative Amendment petition against communism was first introduced by the Californians Committee to Combat Communism, the communists, their friends and associates were disturbed, but felt that this petition could not get 'off the ground'. Therefore, they sat by and offered only a token opposition. **BUT THEY WERE WRONG.**

They underestimated the determination of the citizenry to fight despite all obstacles. The left wing became panicky when they realized that the people of California meant business, and were gaining momentum in their relentless drive to secure the required number of valid signatures to qualify the bill for the forthcoming November election.

In last minute desperation, the Mosks, Browns and other Red Frontiersmen, with the aid of a large section of the press, unleashed a cruel and vicious attack against the bill and those who have so gallantly and determinedly worked for it.

Despite the shameful attacks by the pseudo-political charlatans, it is evident now that the citizens are undaunted and, in the forthcoming month, will assure success of the initiative petition.

Over 503,000 citizens have signed on the dotted line for our American Heritage before the filing deadline! Grass roots patriots are continuing the work, and your editor is confident that more than enough signatures are forthcoming to take care of all invalid signatures filed in the first filing.

**THE SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT WILL BE ON THE BALLOT IN NOVEMBER.**

What will the communist reaction be? What will they do?

They have (by directive from Moscow) decided to "destroy the anti-communist movement at all cost". Therefore, the Californians Committee to Combat Communism, all organizations lending their support, and active patriots will be subjected to a cruel and vicious attack. Directives will be sent to all communist cells, ordering members to attack with every means at their disposal. Slander, hate-mongering and labelling is their stock in trade. These attacks will not be noticeable from the communists, as such, however, since communists work through deceit and hidden identity.

Organizations in which they have various degrees of control will lead the attack. Expect such organizations as the California Democratic Councils, various trade unions, the American Civil Liberties Union, the California Teachers Association, many "social action" religious groups and some leaders of both major political parties to participate. Conspicuous in carrying out the attack will be such political figures as Stanley Mosk, Governor Brown, and left-wing elected officials in Sacramento.

Let us all remember that the communists are at war with us! And in this war they observe no rules; there are no holds barred! This is the first BIG challenge the communists in California have ever encountered. They will use every trick at their disposal. **THEY MUST BE DEFEATED.** And they will be if there is no let-up in the great upsurge of patriotic activity in our State. The Californians Committee to Combat Communism is right now the leading organization in this fight. It is not an entity unto itself, it is composed of all the patriotic organizations in this State unified by a common cause to accomplish a job that needed to be done. None of the groups participating in this effort could have done it alone, but together we will see it through to its culmination, and California will have the finest laws against subversion of any state in the nation. Look to the C.C.C.C. for leadership, and support it all the way.

Winning this first offensive against the Communist party in California will put us much closer to winning total victory over communism in our State.

Products of  
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Higher Education?

At a showing of "Operation Abolition" at the First Baptist Church located on Market and Bay Streets in San Francisco, a contingent of students from the University of California became so unruly that it prompted the pastor to stop the film in a plea for order and respect in a House of God. One of the "students" sprang to his feet and

shouted, "This is not a House of God, this is a house of the Devil". The pastor asked the ushers to escort the slovenly appearing student from the chapel, whereby other students ran to prevent his removal. (This was a typical Leninist tactic of an attempt to provoke a violence similar to the provocation during the HCUA hearings in San Francisco). The congregation was not provoked. Order was maintained, and the disturber was walked out from the meeting. As the offering was taken, a few of the 'students' were seen spitting into the containers.

Most all of the "students" were recognized as those who were conspicuous during the riots in San Francisco. They were the same little band of communist-led picketeers and objectioners who usually are seen in varied left wing demonstrations. The leader of this outrageous display of disrespect was Douglas Wackter, communist-identified student at the University of California. Accompanying Douglas Wackter was 'libertarian' was Burton White, one of the well-known provocateurs of the riots during the hearings in San Francisco.

These repugnant actions by this small group of approximately thirty Red-led students tend to discredit the entire student body. However, they are not representative of the attitudes of the great bulk of scholars at the University.

There is today, at long last, a strong, intelligent movement on our campuses toward sound conservative thinking about the problems that beset our nation. Students, through study and activity, are beginning to reject the pompous goody-goody type of left wingism, which for a whole generation has been characteristic of so many professors who came to adulthood in the New and Fair Deals and have learned nothing since. The campuses are tired of goose-stepping to the smug, hammer and sickle-infested directives of their presumably 'smarter elders'. Students are on the move—they are discarding the maggot-infested red garbage peddled to them over the years. Look to our students to play a decisive role in the battles ahead against Leninism!

"Heads Up" has been deluged with thousands of requests for the Mosk Unmasked issue. The editor is therefore including that report in this issue.

This new format is not at all an indication that "Heads Up" is gaining financially. On the contrary, requests for the bulletin are, in the main, not being accompanied with contributions. There are no subscription rates. Only contributions can assure future publication of "Heads Up". All monies received to date have been expended to send out 14,000 copies, an increase of 10,000 over the last issue.

The next issue, now being written, will be devoted to an expose of Allan Cranston and Red penetration into the California Democratic Council. Publication must be withheld until sufficient funds are received; so please send in all you can, and ask your friends to do likewise. The expose of 'our' State Controller, Allan Cranston, along with communist penetration and control is a shocking example of the threat from within through politics. DON'T MISS IT!

If you or your organization are desirous of having Mr. Prussion as a speaker, please write at your earliest convenience, so that his schedule can be organized. Mr. Prussion has addressed well over 100,000 citizens in California during the past year.

### INSIDE A COMMUNIST CELL

At long last, Karl Prussion has completed a record to be distributed by Key Records, together with the excellent series which includes lectures by Congressman Walter Judd, Herbert Philbrick, Dr. Fred Schwarz and Dr. Granville Knight.

Now, for the first time, all Americans can familiarize themselves with the machinations and tactics of deceit employed by the Reds in their drive to Sovietize America.

Mr. Prussion presents an authentic, shocking revelation of the activities of these foreign agents in the economic, political and social life of our nation.

It is undoubtedly, the most revealing, the most enlightening and the most effective record ever produced on the subject.

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**PTA  
Control**

Doris Dawson (PTA organizer) reported elatedly that a resolution, drawn up by the Communist party, to ban atomic testing was passed with practically no opposition at the National Convention of PTA, just as she had predicted at a previous cell meeting (The PTA cell consists of communist delegates from the PTA chapters in Santa Clara County, such as Comrades Fink, Grumet, Ross, Alchermes and others). She also urged and recommended that Karl Prussion be assigned to the Los Altos Chapter of PTA.

The cell organizer, however, overruled Doris Dawson and assigned him to become active as secretary in the Council for Civic Unity in the area. Prussion accepted the latter assignment. She also stated that she would instruct Peter Szego (professor at the University of Santa Clara) to deliver to Karl Prussion the membership index of that organization. "This was necessary" she continued, "because Peter Szego was too busy in the California Democratic Council to satisfactorily carry out his job as Secretary of the Civic Unity organization". (Within one week, Peter Szego did turn over the names of 91 members to Karl Prussion).

Mary Wilson then reported that she is devoting a great deal of time to editing and publishing the "Flashlight" (this paper, through hidden identity, megaphones the voice of the Kremlin on 'peaceful coexistence'). She stated that David Allen, Ike Folkoff and Harvey Richards were doing an excellent job, and urged all members to be "on call" to assemble, address, stamp and mail the next issue.

**Friends  
Service  
Committee**

Michael Shapovalov then gave an extensive account of the work that Comrades were doing within the Friends Service Committee in the area on behalf of 'peaceful coexistence'. He cited as examples the petitions being circulated under the name of the Friends committee to Abolish Atomic Testing, the peace festivals, parades, rallies and marches. He was elated at the success and that "now eighteen party members are engaged within

this organization in this great assignment". He further stated that the party was making greater strides in this inconspicuous manner than previously under the name of the Palo Alto Peace Club, which had been disbanded because it was identified as subversive.

Walter Harju (member of the Carpenter's Union, and also of the Santa Clara Trade Union Commission of the communist party) delivered an extensive description of his work in the union and of the strides being made by the Trade Union Commission in attaining objectives through union activities.

**Under  
Lenin's Tutelage**

Ed Ross, together with Michael Shapovalov, then led the educational part of the meeting on Leninism. The discussion pointed out the similarity of the Bolshevik party of Russia in 1905, when they were relatively inactive and almost disbanded, yet held together under Lenin's leadership. And it was due to their ability to hold together and work quietly

everywhere that finally enabled the Bolsheviks, under the right political and economic situation, to establish the dictatorship. All agreed that the right tactic at this time was to work inconspicuously everywhere until the situation warranted a change in tactics. Michael Shapovalov stated during this study session that he and his wife experienced the "monumental privilege of having studied under the tutelage of Lenin himself".

The meeting was concluded with the singing of one of the usual communist inspirational songs, in this instance "The Red Army Marching Song". This type of sinister red meeting, held throughout America, tears to shreds the opinions of commie collaborators who say that the threat is entirely from without, and adds additional reason for the need of strong, effective legislation against communism, such as the Lou Francis Initiative Amendment.

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U.S. Attorney CECIL F. POOLE furnished this Office today with two letters sent to him by HOWARD H. JEWEL, Assistant Attorney General, State of California, copies of which are enclosed herewith for the Bureau.

Enclosed in each letter was a copy of a mimeographed publication captioned "Heads Up", which is published by KARL PRUSSION, who identifies himself in the masthead as "Former FBI Counter-spy" and indicates that the publication is "dedicated to fight and expose communism everywhere."

The writer of this letter is Assistant Attorney General under STANLEY MOSK, Attorney General of the State of California. The publication "Heads UP" attacks STANLEY MOSK.

As the Bureau is aware, STANLEY MOSK is the Democratic candidate for the Office of Attorney General, State of California, in the coming November, 1962 elections and is currently campaigning throughout the State in an effort to be re-elected.

As noted in the letter to USA POOLE block stamped 5/25/62, Assistant Attorney General JEWEL was concerned with the fact that PRUSSION identifies himself as a former FBI undercover agent.

Reference is made to San Francisco airtel to the Bureau dated 1/2/62, captioned [redacted] Project City, California [redacted], which has to do with the point in [redacted]

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question. As pointed out in this airtel, PRUSSION stated that he has never implied or allowed implications to be made that he was an FBI Agent.

Also noted in this airtel on page 2 is the fact that a review of press accounts of PRUSSION's talks, together with reports received by this Office of his talks, indicates that PRUSSION does not misrepresent his former connection with the Bureau.

In a further review of the press clippings of talks made by PRUSSION, there are no instances where he has misrepresented himself regarding his former status with the Bureau.

PRUSSION, it will be noted, is very critical of what he describes as communist infiltration of the Democratic Party in California, and he is particularly bitter in his attacks on Attorney General STANLEY MOSK.

Should any further events of interest develop the Bureau will be advised.

The above has been furnished to the Bureau in the event any inquiries are received.

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Honorable Cecil F. Poole  
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Dear Cecil:

Here is a recent edition of Karl Prussion's rag which repeats the lies about Stanley. I note that the next issue will "expose" Alan Cranston and the CDC.

I hope your project will shortly bear fruit.

Sincerely,

*Howard*

HOWARD H. JEWEL  
Assistant Attorney General

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Dear Cecil,

Here is the document in question. The offensive language I discussed with you is found at the bottom of page two under the title "A WORD ABOUT THE PUBLISHER."

I think it is clear that the word "undercover" modifies "agent" so that this simply an allegation that he was an FBI agent. Mr. Prussian, by reason of his past experiences, is fully aware of the distinction between an informer and an agent and this statement is accordingly deliberately fraudulent.

I hope it will enable you to take action. Additional issues of this scurrilous publication are available should you need them.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Howard".

P.S. The piece about Stanley is a mendacious collection of truths, half truths, and outright lies.

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"We must build Communism  
with non-communist hands."  
Nicholai Lenin

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In order for the Leninists to carry out their Kremlin directed  
SUNNYVALE, CALIF. tactics, it is vitally important that they have meeting places.  
SMOLNEY INSTITUTE. Without them things become difficult.

In the County of Santa Clara, Reds have arrogantly been using public buildings un-  
hampered for more than 10 years. Always available are such places as rooms in the  
Civic Auditorium, San Jose, the public library of South Palo Alto, the Community  
Center in Palo Alto, and the Banquet Room in the City Hall of Sunnyvale, Calif.

Most frequently used is the Banquet Room in the Sunnyvale City Hall. It is located  
just below the Police Department Headquarters. They use this location more often be-  
cause it is centrally located, it affords complete privacy, and is most easily obtained.  
The communists have humorously dubbed the Sunnyvale City Hall as Smolney Institute No.  
1. (Smolney Institute was the Moscow headquarters of the Bolshevik Party prior to,  
during, and after the Russian Revolution.)

All meetings held in the Sunnyvale City Hall have been subversive in character, thous-  
and of dollars for Red causes has been raised and irreparable damage has been committed  
against our Republic.

At a packed hall meeting of the Sunnyvale City Council a group of alarmed citizens  
presented two resolutions requesting that ordinances be passed barring communists from  
using public buildings and from running for public offices. The council rejected the  
resolutions by a 4 - 2 vote. Mayor Fred Logan, Councilmen Mark Russell, Fred Kerr and  
Walter Jones voted no, and Maureen McDaniel and C. Robert Brown voted in favor. The  
meeting was punctuated by eruptions of temper by members of the Council. Most repul-  
sively outspoken in an almost vulgar way was Councilman Jones who took a "so what  
attitude!" Jones was formerly business agent for Cannery Union Local 679. Equally  
as obnoxious in his attitude was Mark Russell who questioned the sincerity of those  
who presented the resolution. All opposing councilmen attacked the proponents of the  
ordinances as "radical rightists and extremists."

Many seats were filled by members of the senior problems class of Sunnyvale High School.  
The meeting was highlighted by one of the students, Diane Anderson of 1126 W. McKinley  
Ave., who bravely stood up (after lengthy abusive and insulting treatment by the  
Councilmen) and pleaded ardently with the council to pass the resolutions "even if in  
10 years only one communist is kept out of the City Hall."

"Then said he unto the disciples, it is impossible but that offences will come:  
but woe unto him, through whom they come! It were better for him that a mill-  
stone were hanged about his neck, and he cast into the sea, than that he should  
offend one of these little ones." St. Luke 17: 1 & 2.

This young student showed a better understanding and awareness of the need to oppose  
the communists wherever they operated than did some of the arrogant and bubble-headed  
thinking councilmen. She is to be highly commended for her fearless and sensible  
approach to the problem.

City Attorney Gilleo showed lack of jurisprudence and scholarship when he flatly  
stated "after profound study" that the ordinance would be unconstitutional.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL, CONSISTING OF 30 STATE LAWYERS, HAVE RULED THAT SUCH LEGISLATION  
WOULD BE CONSTITUTIONAL.

The citizenry of Sunnyvale were amazed and shocked by the attitudes of 4 of their  
elected officers. They have started an initiative campaign to put the issue on the  
ballot. The petition is being prepared for circulation by Mrs. Bernard Nosker. The  
response to her efforts has been overwhelming. Do you have a similar situation in  
your community? Act now!

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**SPEAKERMAN SPEAKS** The editor of "Heads Up" was shocked but not surprised when in speaking before students and teachers at San Carlos High School that the "Red" promoted book "The Un-Americans" by identified communist Frank G. Donner was recommended reading by Eric Speakerman, Social Science instructor. When questioned about the advisability of students reading the book, I stated that the book was a media used by the communists to create disrespect for our law enforcing agencies such as the F.B.I. and also to discredit the House Committee on Un-American Activities, one of many important Congressional Committees directed to investigate communism. I further stated that the author has many times been identified as a Leninist and has been a participant in numerous communist front activities and that the book was full of outright lies, half truths and innuendos about the committee. Mr. Speakerman leaped to his feet and in an irrational manner and indeed a poor example of scholarly conduct, challenged my statements.

The following is, therefore, brief revelation of Mr. Donner's background: Herbert Fuchs, a former communist who had helped to organize a communist cell comprised of lawyers employed by the National Labor Relations Board named FRANK DONNER as one of the lawyers in this conspiratorial communist group at a Congressional hearing on Dec. 13, 1955. Frank Donner was again identified as a member of the communist N.L.R.B. cell on Dec. 14, 1955 by a former communist member of the same cell, one Mortimer Riemer.

Frank Donner was, for a third time, identified as a communist cell member by ex-communist Harry Cooper on March 1, 1956.

Frank Donner, on June 28, 1956, appeared as a witness before the HCUA. Although admitting he was employed by the NLRB from 1940 until 1945 in the Litigation Section, he invoked the first and fifth amendments when he was questioned concerning Communist Party membership and affiliations. Mr. Donner was confronted with a United States Civil Service Commission questionnaire he had signed on June 2, 1943, while employed by the NLRB. On this official form, he had replied "no" to a question as to whether or not he held membership in a communist organization. Conceding that the signature was his, Mr. Donner nevertheless invoked the fifth amendment when asked by the committee if he had been "truthful" in this statement to the United States Government.

Frank Donner was recently named general counsel for the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America. This Communist-controlled union, was ousted by the CIO in 1950. A recognized bargaining agent in many of our vital defense industries, the UE in a recent pamphlet described its new counsel as being "recognized as one of the foremost authorities on NLRB law." It failed to mention that Donner was publicly identified as being a member of a conspiratorial Communist cell while employed as an attorney at the NLRB in the 1940's.

Frank Donner was one of the principal speakers at the Ninth Annual Convention of the National Lawyers Guild (Declared Subversive by the Attorney-General) held in February 1949. In 1953 he was elected a voting member of the board of directors at the annual meeting, and chairman of the conference working group of the national conference of the guild to be held in October at the Barbizon Plaza. He was again elected to the board of directors in 1954.

At a dinner sponsored by the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born (Cited by Attorney General, Tom Clark, 1948, the Special Committee on Un-American Activities 1942, 1944 and the Internal Security Sub-Committee, 1956) on October 11, 1956, one of the lawyers saluted for their work aiding this communist-controlled organization was Frank Donner.

Donner has on different occasions been engaged as a speaker for the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee, an organization cited as communist controlled by the Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Now, if the above is insufficient evidence for "scholar" Mr. Speakerman concerning foreign agent Donner's attachment to the communist conspiracy, the editor of "Heads Up" will present him with more information on request.

#### A WORD ABOUT THE PUBLISHER

Mr. Karl Prussion, who publishes "HEADS UP", is a former FBI undercover agent investigating Bay Area Communist activities. His career as an enemy of communism and his long study of its infiltration into our social, economic and political life make his revelation of communism's evils authoritative and invaluable. This newspaper and its fight against communism are supported by contributions. Assist this effort by helping get more copies of the paper into the hands of people who are as yet unaware of communism's threat to our very lives. Send contributions to P.O. Box 913, Los Altos, Calif.

# MOSK-UNMASKED

The Communists have more influence today in the economic, political and social institutions of America than ever in the history of their activity on our shores. Their work is more intense and effective in California than any other state in our Union. Always hiding their identity, they have become influential to a most alarming degree in the California Democratic Clubs.

This condition is well known to Attorney General Stanley Mosk. Regardless, he has not taken any actions within his power to investigate, apprehend or to prosecute these agents of a foreign power. On the contrary all of his decisions pertaining to this criminal and continuous conspiracy have given aid and comfort to it.

During this most critical period, he chose to carry out a "deep and penetrating" investigation of patriotic groups. He, together with Governor Brown, Bishop Pike and other communist apologists started a most shameful and disgusting attack on one of the too few organizations in America that is acutely aware of Red Fascist menace in our midst and is beginning to combat it in an organized, orderly, and intelligent manner - namely the John Birch Society.

Mosk does not attack or investigate the left-wing juggernaut that is steam rolling through our state, because such an attack or investigation could expose him and his associates as communist pawns.

Let us then examine the background of our Attorney General - this "Patriot Baiter."

**COMMUNIST SYMPATHIZER?** On July 19, 1940, George Oliver Bertholon, a counter-spy on communist activities in California, testified about the political activities he engaged in. He said that the Communist Party was active in the 1938 elections in California, and that it, in part, worked through the California Federation For Political Unity. (Cited as a communist front by the California Committee on Un-American Activities in its 1943 report) He stated that many communists in these two organizations who worked in the 1938 campaign were rewarded with political appointments by the successful Administration headed by Governor Olson. When asked for the names of those Communists, he testified as follows:

"Mr. Bertholon: William Plunkert, whom I have mentioned above; James Burford was made assistant to Claudia Williams; Frank Scully, a fellow traveler, who was made assistant director of institutions; and Mort Newman, who was made director of Los Angeles N.Y.A.; Morris Stanley Mosk was made one Olson secretary; and I understand that Charles Page was rewarded by Patterson. A number of others were placed in positions by the State Administration, but I do not remember their names.

Mr. Stedman: Are all the people mentioned above, to your knowledge, members of the Communist Party?

Mr. Bertholon: They are, except Morris Stanley Mosk, who is a sympathizer, but I cannot state definitely that he is a member of the party."

This then, is the beginning of the political career of Mosk in California.

**SPEAKS AT LEFT-WING WORKMEN'S CIRCLE RALLY** The Daily Peoples World of May 22, 1942 (official organ of the Communist Party) reported that one Stanley Mosk, Executive Secretary to California Governor Olson, was introduced and spoke at a meeting of the Workmen's Circle of Los Angeles. The meeting was held on May 17, in the Philharmonic Auditorium. This information appeared in a letter from one A. Rothblatt, of Los Angeles, who stated that Stanley Mosk "hailed the spirit of comradeship and self-sacrifice which manifests itself and grows during the war emergency period." (Communists and left-wingers, indeed rallied together and made sacrifices during World War II to guarantee that the Soviet Union won the war. Where is Mr. Mosks spirit and self-sacrifice today in the fight against the communists from within and without? Ed.)

The Workmen's Circle characterized itself as "the largest radical workingmen's fraternal order in existence." (New Leaders, January 23, 1937) It consists, in the main, of Socialists of various degrees, but all dedicated to a Socialist State.

In 1927 a large group of its communists members, who differed in tactics, split away and formed the International Workers Order. It has been and is today an established communist front organization.



**MOSK HONORS INTERNATIONAL WORKERS ORDER AT MEETINGS** According to the Daily Peoples World of May 16, 1943, Stanley Mosk was a scheduled speaker at a meeting for American-Soviet Friendship (embryo of "peaceful coexistence." Ed.) held under the auspices of the International Workers Order and ICOR.

**MOSK JUDGES RED ORATORICAL CONTEST** The Daily People's World of February 11, 1944 reported that the Los Angeles Chapter of American Youth for Democracy was conducting an oratorical contest on the 18 year-old vote and that three persons, namely Superior Court Judge Stanley Mosk, a Los Angeles Assemblyman, and an American Youth for Democracy officer, would act as judges at finals at the contest on Feb. 27. "The American Youth for Democracy was formed in 1943 to succeed the Young Communist League for the purpose of exploiting to the advantage of a foreign power the idealism, inexperience, and craving to join which is characteristic of American college youth." (HCUA, April 17, 1947)

According to the Peoples World of March 23, 1944, Mosk "will speak at a meeting of the Westside District of the International Workers Order at the Hollywood High School auditorium.

He was also to be a guest on May 30, 1943 at a "May Festival" of this subversive group. The principal speaker at this meeting was Dalton Trumbo who was convicted of contempt of Congress.

Mr. Mosk was fully aware that by speaking and being at these meetings he gave aid and comfort through his prestige, position to (Ed.) "one of the strongest, the most effective and closely knitted organizations amongst the communist front movements. . . . It has contributed large sums of money to Communist Party campaigns, and regularly sponsors Communist Party endorsed candidates for public office." (Attorney General Francis Biddle in the Congressional Record, Sept. 24, 1942.)

**MOSK AND THE NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD** According to the Los Angeles Daily Journal (Legal Journal) of Sept. 12, 1944, Stanley Mosk was a member of the executive board of the Los Angeles Chapter of the National Lawyers Guild. The National Lawyers Guild has a high percentage of communist stalwart members. It consistently espouses Red causes and is one of the major factors contributing to the strength of communism. It has on many occasions been cited as a communist front. Ed. (Special Committee on Un-American Activities Report March 29, 1944, p. 149)

In recent years Attorney General Mosk has appointed Lawyers Guild Members to his staff. One of these lawyers was Mrs. Vaino Spencer who served as a member of his Advisory Committee on Constitutional Rights since 1959 and then on the California Law Revision Commission since 1960. (See following article on Gov. Brown)

**MOSK CHAIRS JEWISH CONGRESS MEETING** According to the California Eagle, he was chairman of the American Jewish Congress meeting held at the Philharmonic Auditorium on Jan. 10, 1945. The Southern California Division of the American Jewish Congress was cited as communist infiltrated. At its convention in 1948 it "went on record against loyalty checks and called for the abolition of the Congressional Committees and the Tenny State Legislative Committee. (These Communist Party line policies were continued and enlarged at its 1949 convention.)

**MOSK AND THE AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES** The Attorney General has been guest of honor and featured speaker at many meetings sponsored by the American Civil Liberties Union, an organization that is open to communists and their sympathizers. It is a main target of Red infiltration and is saturated with them. This organization in conjunction with the National Lawyers Guild (cited subversive) has been the protective shield of the conspiracy. It is through the efforts of this infiltrated organization that the communists have been able to continue their work as foreign agents as a "legalized illegality." The following are a few of the meetings that Mosk addressed: Oct. 16, 1948, principal speaker at an anniversary meeting of the ACLU. (Open Forum, Publication of the ACLU.) May 16, 1955, chaired a meeting at Hollywood Athletic Club. (Peoples World) July 28, 1956 - spoke at a testimonial banquet honoring A.D. Warin, ACLU consul chief at the Statler Hotel, Los Angeles. Mr. Warin is a former partner to Leo Gallagher, Los Angeles communist lawyer, and is listed in the California Un-American Activities reports for 1943; 1947, 1948, 1949 and the HCUA reports for 1938, 1940, 1941, and 1943. Sept. 23, 1959 - Mosk was chief speaker at a meeting of the Marin Chapter of the ACLU held on the Rodger Kent Estate in Kentfield to mark the ACLU's 25th Anniversary in No. Calif.

According to Mr. Warin, "Stanley Mosk is a member of the American Civil Liberties Union." Warin was the defense lawyer for 15 California Communists on the Smith Act violation. During the trial Warin stated that his clients were "proud to be communists." (Los Angeles Herald Express, Feb. 6, 1952)

**MOSK AND THE COMMUNIST REGIME IN YUGO-SLAVIA** On Nov. 1, 1945, the name of Stanley Mosk appeared on the letter head of the American Committee for YUGO-SLAV RELIEF. This organization was cited by the House Committee on Un-American Activities as a "communist front whose 'collection of funds for relief' was only incidental to and a cover for its propaganda activities in behalf of the communist regime in Yugoslavia!" (Committee on Un-American Activities, H.R. 1951, April 26, 1950).

**MOSK AND SUBVERSIVE DIRECTED STRIKE** - The Daily People's World of Sept. 9, 1946 reported that a citizens Committee to aid Hearst strikers was formed in Los Angeles as negotiations continued between the Herald Express and CIO Newspaper Guildsmen. Stanley Mosk's name was listed as amongst those on this committee.

This committee was cited as a communist inspired and dominated group by the California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report 1947, p. 180.

**MOSK AND "HOBNAILED BOOTS"** The Daily People's World on March 7, 1956 quoted Mosk as saying: "The Cahan ruling, does not hinder the police, but they 'may now find it necessary to use their heads rather than hobnailed boots.'"

This statement of Mosk falls in line with the long standing communist tactic of trying to cause disrespect for our law-enforcing agencies amongst the citizens by describing them with related phrases such as "goon squads," "Gestapos," "police State," "police brutality," etc. Talk of this kind by the Attorney General is not surprising, judging from his past and present association and activity. However, it is most interesting when one recalls that when Stanley was executive secretary to Governor Olson, that he personally drew on a check from State funds to pay of the agents who planted a dictograph microphone in the hotel bedroom of the then Assembly speaker Garland and his wife. Garland was at that time Olson's chief political rival. Mosk tried to shift the blame for this dastardly Soviet tactic to former Rep. John Phillips of Banning. This attempt to assassinate the character of Rep. John Phillips was strongly reprimanded by the Assembly Committee Investigating Interference with the Legislature by the following report, "The Committee also observes that not excessive zeal or blind loyalty can excuse the rash indiscretion of publicly accusing an innocent person, as in the case of Sen. Phillips, of subversive actions."

Mosk finally admitted his part in this subversive activity and was severely censured by the State Legislature. This is Stanley Mosk, a participant in the most flagrant violation of civil rights, who today as Attorney General has broad and unlimited investigative powers.

**MOSK CLEARS COMMUNIST TEACHERS** In August, 1959, the House Committee on Un-American Activities served approximately 100 subpoenas to teachers for the purpose of interrogating them on their communist affiliations. The reports concerning these teachers were rendered useless to the school districts in their screening of possible subversives by an order from Attorney General Mosk dated Feb. 2, 1960.

"I recognize that the reports, standing alone, could not be used by the Superintendent of Public Instructions as evidence in any action which might be taken by the State against the individual persons who were the subjects of the various reports . . . unless one secures the names of the persons submitting such information, and produces such persons as witnesses, the statements, even though they are allegedly from reliable sources, are of absolutely no value and may be completely discounted."

With one stroke of his pen Mosk has made it impossible to clean the obviously numerous, subversive, "educators" from our school system! He knows very well that to produce these witnesses would almost completely destroy the counterspy activities of those who labor to gather information on this criminal conspiracy.

**MOSK AND FAMILY** An alleged sister of the Attorney General was reported to be a member of the Communist Party (an affidavit to substantiate this charge is available).

His brother, Ed Mosk, is reported through various governmental agencies, to have been associated with more than 20 communist front organizations and was a leader of the Independent Progressive Party, an outright communist political front. He also served as an instructor at the Peoples Educational Center (People's World,

June 27, 1947). The P.E.C. was cited as subversive by the U.S. Loyalty Review Board, Sept. 1948).

Mrs. Stanley Mosk was an ardent supporter of the Independent Progressive Party.

If the Attorney General is really interested in fighting subversion, he can start by cleaning up his own family.

The above resume of the Attorney General's extreme, left background is of course, fragmentary and incomplete. He does not qualify for the job with which he is entrusted. He seeks reelection. All citizens, Democrats, Republicans and Independents must join together to defeat this pseudo political charlatan. We must replace him with an Attorney General who is acutely aware of communist tactics and willing and able to carry out a strong two fist battle against them.

Mosk has, indeed, been an aid and comfort <sup>to</sup> the communists and is therefore greatly responsible for the gains they have been making. On the other hand Mosk has been openly attacking and investigating patriots and organizations that are aware of the menace and are doing something about it in an orderly manner.

DEFEAT MOSK, STRIKE A BLOW AGAINST LEFTISM IN GOVERNMENT.

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GOV. BROWN  
APPOINTS  
LAWYERS GUILD  
MEMBER

Governor Brown and Attorney General Mosk together make an excellent combination of a "super soft" approach to communism in California.

Brown has many times come under fire for his membership in the National Lawyers Guild. He was the Vice-President in its San Francisco Chapter. (Cited as a communist front by the Special Committee on Un-American Activities Report of Mar. 29, 1944, p. 149). Brown withdrew from the organization when he "discovered it was communist dominated." BUT - 1961, the Governor announced the appointment of one Mrs. Vaino Spencer, Los Angeles attorney, to the Municipal court. The official publication of the National Lawyers Guild, Los Angeles, Hollywood, Beverly Hills Chapter of 1955 lists this newly appointed judge, Vaino Spencer as a member of their executive committee.

The Open Forum, an American Civil Union publication, listed Mrs. Vaino Spencer as a member of the Board of Directors in Feb. 1961. Mrs. Vaino Spencer was consul to Mrs. Tassia Freed, who had been named by undercover F.B.I. agent William Kimple as a card carrying communist before a hearing of the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

Can it be that Brown's right hand does not know what his left hand is doing?

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The editor offers his apologies for not having answered all of the thousands of letters he has received. He is replying as rapidly as time permits.

He has testified to numerous legislative committees in an effort to promote effective anti-communist legislation as well as lecturing throughout the state. Since "Heads Up", nor his lectures are being sponsored by any one individual or organization, he is not able to efficiently carry out the many immediate responsibilities that pile up, due to lack of funds. It would be most helpful if those who have not sent in their contributions for "Heads Up", do so now. It is suggested that citizens who are familiar with Mr. Prussion's work and the urgent need for his services in the fight, solicit as much finance as possible.

If you or your organization are desirous of having Mr. Prussion as a speaker, please write at your earliest convenience so that he can organize his schedule.

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ONE AND ONE,  
MAKE TWO  
NOT THREE  
DR. GALLAGHER

This paper has in its last issue strongly urged the dismissal of Dr. Buell G. Gallagher, recently appointed first Chancellor of Colleges, at \$32,000 a year job. He now heads a 15 state teacher college system with an enrollment of 96,000 students. By 1967 this system will have an enrollment of 157,000. Dr. Gallagher has issued a sweeping denial of all the charges which closely aligned him with a multitude of left-wing activities. A close study of his refutations reveal them to be irresponsible and inadequate. For example: An official document, signed by Dr. Buell G. Gallagher was filed with the Alameda County Clerk on March 23, 1948 in which he named Ralph K. Johnson, 1122-H St., Albany, Calif. and Roscoe C. Proctor, 3131 Adeline St., Oakland, Calif., as the verification deputies to direct his campaign to secure signatures of members of the Independent Progressive Party to qualify his candidacy for Congressman of the 7th District from Oakland and Berkeley. This public document is signed by Dr. Buell G. Gallagher. (Turn page over for a copy of the original document)

Roscoe C. Proctor is listed as a state official of the Communist Party in the Peoples World of June 14, 1944. This public information was known at least four years before Dr. Gallagher employed him to manage this phase of his campaign.

Ralph Johnson was identified as a communist by counterspy Charles David Blodgett under oath before the HCUA on Dec. 3, 1953. Mr. Johnson was the Oakland school teacher who resigned from his teaching job (Oakland Tribune, 10-24-50) rather than sign a loyalty oath. He was also one of the teachers subpoenaed to appear before the HCUA in 1959.

Californians are entitled to know ALL the details of the political deal which was made with these identified communists whereby he sought and secured the backing of this communist-dominated party in his political campaign.

Dr. Gallagher has been stumping the state in a desperate effort to justify his appointment, when he should be busy in his new office directing and organizing his department. He should be spending his time, rather, investigating and cleaning out the left-wing pseudo educational charlatans from our colleges.

Dr. Gallagher stated that communist speakers on our campuses have been "laughed off the podium by students." He gives not a single instance of when or where this happened. On the contrary Dr. Gallaghers' policy of permitting men of treason to speak on our campuses lends many young eager ears to the false propaganda of these well trained Kremlin agents.

He further stated, in one of his many speeches in recent days, that he openly debated and defeated one Doxey Wilkinson at the City College of New York on Apr. 4, 1957 before a packed to capacity student audience, and that as a result of this debate Doxey Wilkinson resigned from the Communist Party. What chicanery and naivete! Doxey Wilkinson was head of the National Educational Committee of the Communist Party and was expelled from the Party because he differed with a tactic of the communists as it pertained to Negro people. He feels that he is a better Leninist than the Communists. He is now better able to work for the cause of Lenin with hidden identity that Dr. Gallagher helps in establishing. Doxey Wilkinson has not done a thing to help our government. By remaining silent and not contributing the valuable information that he has concerning the enemy through testimony and writing, he is still helping the enemy. Doxey Wilkinson today is serving the Kremlin cause as an active organizer of the "Freedom Riders" through the CORE (Committee of Racial Equality). The communists through this activity, hope to provoke a violence that could throw our nation into civil strife - this an important, immediate communist objective.

Dr. Gallagher's statement that he won the debate with Doxey Wilkinson is not substantiated by the great and prolonged applause that greeted Doxey Wilkinson during and after his speech. (N.Y. Times Apr. 5, 1957) Yes, in this very instance Dr. Gallagher debated a foreign agent and thereby gave him the prestige and dignity that accompanied anyone who speaks from the College podium. How many students listened attentively to Doxey's oration of Communist deceit and believed him, and possibly later joined the Communist Party we'll never know. Will we, Dr. Gallagher? Assuming that there was only one (and this is not a rash assumption) you have contributed a disservice to your country.

Dr. Gallagher has given many anti-communist speeches. "Heads Up" does not charge him with being a communist, but his policy of condoning, appeasing and accepting these subversives, as a means of fighting them, is suicidal for America.

The Doctor does not begin to have the qualifications for this very important and strategic post.

Yes, Doctor Gallagher, one plus one equals two - not three.

**REDS IN POLITICS** The editor of "Heads Up" appeared as a witness before the House Amendment Committee on behalf of Amendment AOA 38, proposed by Assemblyman Lou Francis. This amendment if passed would greatly hamper the communists in their unobstructed drive toward a Soviet America.

Assemblyman Milton Marx, Chairman of the committee asked Mr. Prussion "if there were any communists in the State Assembly." Prussion answered in the affirmative and referred the committee to public records to verify his answer. He did not name anyone since he felt that this committee was not properly designated to investigate communism in government and politics. He has therefore, sent the following letter to the Senate Fact-Finding Sub-Committee on Un-American Activities and to the press:

Honorable Senator Hugh M. Burns, Chairman  
Senate Fact-Finding Subcommittee on Un-American Activities  
State Capital Building  
Sacramento, California

Dear Senator Burns:

In answer to a question asked of me by the Hon. Milton Marx at an amendment committee held in San Francisco pertaining to communists in the State Legislature, I stated that there was a legislator who was a member of the communist conspiracy. I did not name him, because I did not feel that the Amendment Committee was the proper Committee to air this critical situation. I am therefore, respectfully requesting that the Senate Fact Finding Subcommittee on Un-American Activities call an immediate public hearing on "communism in State Government and Politics." Such a hearing would be of immeasurable value in exposing the communist tactic of deceit in influencing political activity in California. I, together with other former counterspies, will clearly show that communists and communist front organizations are being aided and abetted by men high in state office. Such a hearing would also reveal their frightening effect through the California Democratic Clubs in influencing our legislative bodies to yield to "Red Frontier" objectives. These Red objectives guiding California to welfare stateism with strong, autocratic, left-wing control over the citizenry of our great state.

I hope that you will act favorably on my request.

Cordially yours,  
Karl Prussion

All readers of "Heads Up" are urged to write to Senator Burns supporting such investigation now. Ask your friends to do the same.

#### INSIDE A COMMUNIST CELL!

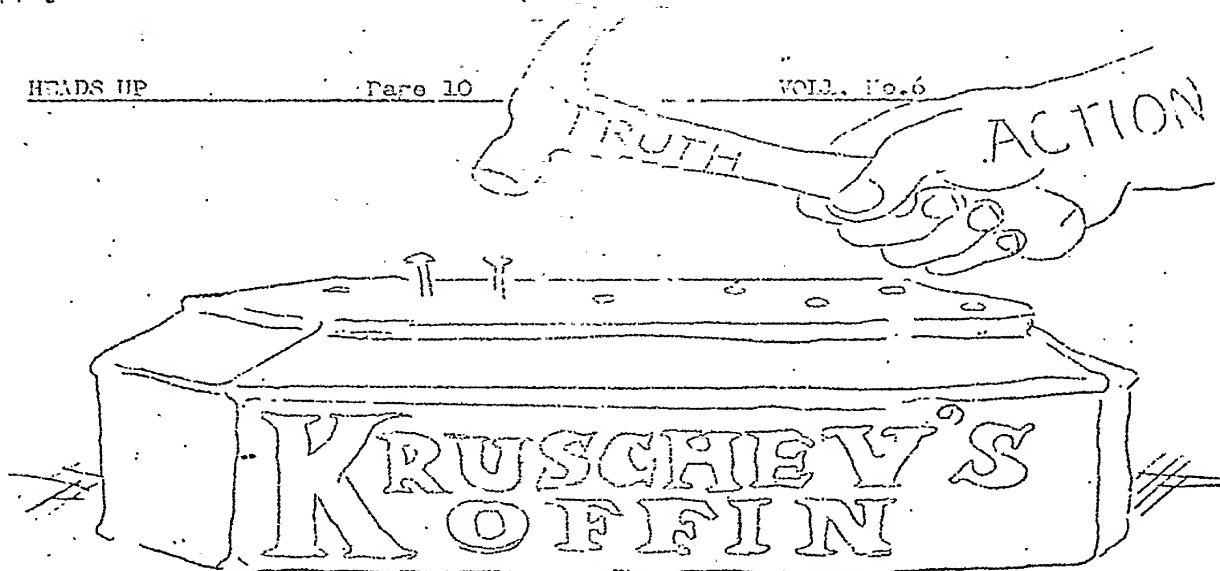
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LET'S GET SOME IDEAS AS TO HOW TO BURY THE RED BUZZARD NOW!

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

TO : Mr. A. Rosen

DATE: July 16, 1962

FROM : Mr. G. H. Scatterday

SUBJECT: KARL PRUSSION  
 Also Known As: Sam Goldstein,  
 Ben Baskin, Rudolph Weiss,  
 Carl K. Prussian  
 INFORMATION CONCERNING

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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 DATE 4/24/00 BY SP2AM/ly

The following is being submitted pursuant to the Director's request on July 13, 1962.

Karl Prussion was the subject of a security-type investigation from 1940 until 1944 when the investigation was discontinued as information developed indicated that he had ceased his Communist Party activities. It was ascertained Prussion was born January 31, 1910 in Brooklyn, New York, and attended Wayne University, Detroit, Michigan, but did not graduate. He was an active member of the Young Communist League and the Communist Party (CP) from 1933 until 1938. During this period he was a labor organizer in the auto industry in Detroit. By his own statement he dropped out of the Communist Party in 1938 due to personal reasons at which time he was being considered a candidate for the Lenin School in Moscow.

Prussion voluntarily contacted our San Francisco Office in 1947 and in 1949, expressed a desire to help the FBI and to "even the score by working on the other side." In 1949 he became an active informant and began participating in the activities of various communist front organizations. In May, 1955, he was reactivated in the CP for the Bureau. On July 20, 1958, he was discontinued as a Bureau informant upon his contact of a Hearst newspaperman about publicizing his past CP activities. He was a paid informant and has remained friendly to the Bureau.

On February 26, 1959, Prussion appeared as a disguised guest on a Los Angeles television show. He wore a face mask and felt hat and identified himself as an active member of the CP in the State of California. He was praise-worthy of the Bureau and the House Committee on Un-American

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Memorandum to Mr. Rosen  
RE: KARL PRUSSION

Activities (HCUA) during the telecast. Later in 1959 he began public appearances making speeches before civic groups which he has continued until the present. In these he identified himself as a former FBI informant. His disclosures concerning people in public life have involved Prussion in controversial situations.

Prussion appeared as a cooperative witness before the HCUA in San Francisco, California, on May 13, 1960, and on other occasions during executive sessions in Washington, D. C. He also appeared before the California Assembly Interim Committee on January 15, 1962, concerning communists in public life in California.

Since discontinuance as a Bureau informant Prussion has become a member of several anticommunist organizations among which is Silent Guardians, Incorporated, Los Angeles, California. This organization was formed by former Bureau informants and Albert J. McDonald, who is the executive director and who was quoted in a press release April 23, 1962, as stating the members thereof would be available on a consultation basis to religious groups, labor, industrial leaders, educational, political and law enforcement agencies. McDonald has never been a Bureau informant but has been active in anticommunist groups. SAC letter dated May 22, 1962, alerted all offices to be most circumspect in dealing with any of the former informants and to avoid endorsing the organization in any way whatsoever.

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of October 12th, with enclosure, to Assistant Director William C. Sullivan, has been brought to my attention.

In response to your inquiries, Mr. Earl Prussion furnished information concerning subversive activities on a confidential basis to this Bureau from 1949 to 1958, during which time he was compensated; however, he was not a Special Agent of the FBI. His personal ventures and his opinions and comments are strictly his own and do not represent this Bureau in any manner.

I trust you will find the above information to be of assistance.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Director

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Dear Mr. Sullivan:

A pamphlet is circulating in the present election campaign in California which implies that the governor and attorney general of that state are pro-Communists. It is written by one Karl Prussion, who characterizes himself at several points in the pamphlet as a "former FBI counterspy within the Communist conspiracy."

I enclose a thermofax copy of the booklet. I particularly inquire about the accuracy of statement and implication in the marked passage on the inside front cover, "A Word About Karl Prussion."

1. Is it accurate to say that Mr. Prussion was "For 12 years an FBI counterspy?"
2. Is the phrase, "investigating the many facets of Communism in the United States," an accurate description of his role with or for the FBI?
3. Did Mr. Prussion "secure permission to leave the service of the Bureau"?
4. Did Mr. Prussion request or otherwise secure permission to leave the service of the Bureau for the stated reason: "in order to carry his story to the public"?

I would greatly appreciate your early response. It will be of substantial assistance in placing this pamphlet in proper perspective.

With thanks and warm good wishes, I am

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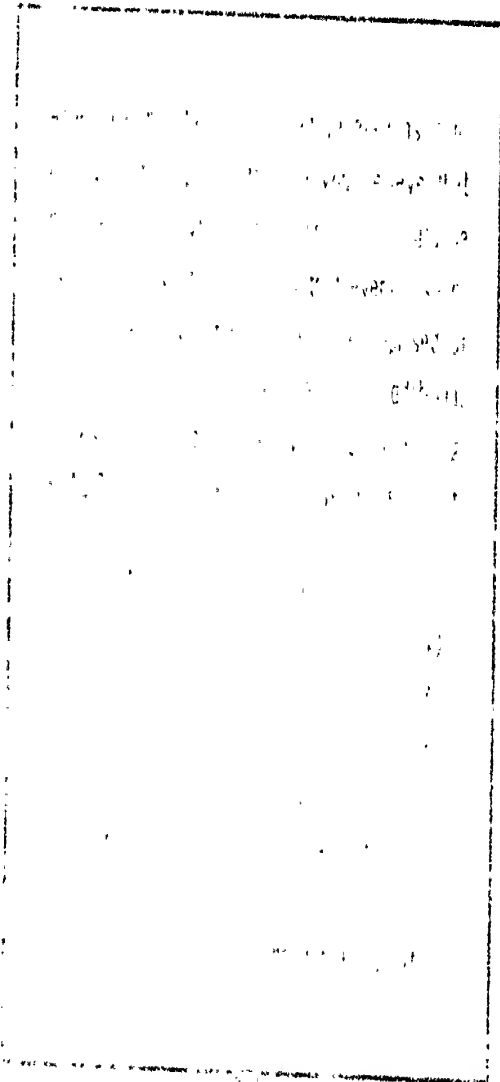
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## A WORD ABOUT KARL PRUSSION



For 12 years an F.B.I. counter-spy investigating the many facets of Communism in the United States, Karl Prussion secured permission to leave the service of the Bureau in order to carry his story to the public. Like a 20th Century Paul Revere, Prussion has shuttled back and forth across the nation to acquaint the uninformed and apathetic about the growing Red Fascist menace here on American soil.

Prussion is editor and publisher of the fine newsletter "Heads Up", which carries his authoritative observations and timely warnings to all corners of our nation. This publication is made possible entirely by voluntary contributions, which are urgently needed and may be sent to P.O. Box 913, Los Altos, California. Those who wish to know more about Communism's growing conquest of America are also urged to buy Karl Prussion's fine long play record album "Inside A Communist Cell", available for only \$3.98 at Key Records, 7720 Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles 46, California. Karl Prussion is an outstanding authority on Communist techniques. No one who would preserve our American way of life should be without "Heads Up" and the other fully documented anti-Communism ammunition drawn from the contacts and experience of the courageous American, Karl Prussion.

-Major George Racey Jordan

*This book is dedicated to a dear friend, Matt Cvetic, who gave his life in exercising his privilege as an American to fight this conspiracy which has worked so effectively against our country.*

## PREFACE

When Detroit designs a new automobile, or a missile plant assembles an experimental projectile, the working model is known as "the pilot."

To all Communists in the United States, California is the pilot area. The Golden State has been chosen to be the model Soviet State. It is for this reason that Communist subversives in California are officially dedicated to drive forward to a "strong left-wing centralized hierarchy that must and will control the individual and the family from birth to death." THIS is Communism.

Leninists among us, and their dupes (both knowledgeable and naive) are driving toward this goal at breakneck speed. Their principal tactics are infiltration and deceit, particularly in government. They have been using Governor Brown (Executive), Stanley Mosk (Judicial) plus Gus Hawkins and other Red Frontier state legislators (Legislative). The inroads the Communists have made are appalling. It is with great concern, therefore, that the Editor of "Heads Up" presents this analysis and appraisal, based on his experience as a counterspy working with Communists and upon fully documented records.

## CHALLENGE

Karl Prussion will welcome the opportunity to present in a court of law the evidence in his possession regarding the charges made in this issue. He therefore invites legal action by any or all of those named herein.

## I UN-MASKING MORRIS STANLEY MOSK

Political gymnast Stanley Mosk "ignored" the official admonitions of both the California Central Committee and the California Democratic Council "not to cooperate in answering questions presented to all candidates pertaining to their attitudes on the communist conspiracy." His answers to the questionnaire, almost 100% at variance with his obviously flagrant condescension to the Communist line, gained for him the endorsement of the Anti-Communist Voter's League. In view of this diabolical maneuver, it would appear to the average voter that Stanley Mosk is now an authentic anti-communist candidate. The truth is that Stanley Mosk is aware of the mounting political strength of the conservative movement in California and is fearful that he could be defeated without capturing a large segment of conservative voters. So Mr. Mosk, this astute, opportunistic, slithering, political charlatan, casts a fraudulent shadow of his actual position to the people of California.

Mosk still remains the greatest single threat to the courageous patriotic anti-communist movement sweeping the state. Californians, whether Democrat, Republican or Independent, must not be taken in by Mosk's political trickery. His record, past and present, reveals him to be a collaborator, appeaser, and consistent supporter of communist objectives in the State.

It is the primary job of the Attorney General to use his high office for the security of the State. The greatest threat to our State is the communist conspiratorial advance that rages unabated. Mr. Mosk has failed miserably in even mildly attempting to halt and destroy this menace of which HE IS FULLY AWARE. Conversely, he has faithfully carried out the Communist International directive "to fight the strong anti-communist movement" with everything at his command.

### MOSK, THE PATRIOT-BAITER

On March 23, 1961, Mosk joined hands with the Communist Party and "red-frontiersmen" in Sacramento (such office-holders as Gus Hawkins, John A. O'Connell, Gordon Winton, Jr., Governor Brown and others), in shamefully and indiscriminately describing the orderly conservative movement against red fascism as "radical rightist, Fascist, Nazi, un-American, lunatic fringe-ist, and extremist." Mosk has become the leading national figure in a subversive web that attacks patriots while protecting communists.

Patriot-baiting appears to have been the primary objective of the Attorney General. Many outstanding patriotic citizens, organizations, and publications are his victimized targets. Mosk has launched investigations not of the communist criminal conspiracy, but of good, sound patriotic American groups. The Attorney General deliberately initiated this attack while our legislative body was in session. This attempted political assassination of loyal American citizens was designed to divert the attention of the public from the numerous bills before the legislature calling for laws to help stem the tide of communism. So successful were Mosk and his cohorts that AS A RESULT OF THIS DIVERSIONARY TACTIC, NOT A SINGLE PIECE OF ANTI-COMMUNIST LEGISLATION PASSED DURING THAT SESSION!

During this most critical period, he chooses to carry out a "deep and penetrating" attack on patriotic groups. He, together with Governor Brown, Bishop Pike and other communist apologists started a most shameful and disgusting attack on one of the too few organizations in America that is acutely aware of Red Fascist menace in our midst, and is beginning to combat it in an organized, orderly and intelligent manner--namely, the John Birch Society. Mosk does not attack or investigate the left-wing juggernaut that is steam rolling through our state, because such an attack or investigation could expose him and his associates as communist pawns.

Mosk doesn't want to investigate the John Birch Society. Tell us why, Mr. Mosk?

Both Mr. Mosk and Governor Brown have been requested by the John Birch Society to investigate them. It is their duty to do so, instead of smearing the Society with personal opinions and slander.

Mosk continues to make stupid, childish and asinine statements regarding the Society, which are unbecoming the prestige and dignity of his high office.

He says the members are bound together by an obsessive fear of Communism; he also states that in response to this fear, they are willing to give up a large measure guaranteed them by the United States Constitution. Just exactly what freedoms are being given up, Mr. Mosk?

Governor Brown has made some statements he undoubtedly hopes the voters will have forgotten. He inferred that members of the Birch Society were worse than Communists, and referred to them as Fascists, Nazis and radicals.

Perhaps Mr. Mosk is like Governor Brown, who evidently has no fear of Communism.

Let's have an investigation as to just why Mr. Mosk doesn't want to investigate the John Birch Society. And, if - and when - he does investigate the JBS, why not investigate the ADA and the CFR at the same time?

To understand the duplicity of Mosk, you need to become familiar with the following carefully prepared documentation on this deceitful opportunist. Study the highlights of Mosk's career for the past 22 years and you'll know the man for what he is.

### COMMUNIST SYMPATHIZER

On July 19, 1940, George Oliver Bertholon, a counter-spy on communist activities in California, testified concerning political activities in which he had participated. He said that the Communist Party was active in the 1938 elections in California, and that it, in part, worked through the California Federation for Political Unity (cited as a communist front by the California Committee on Un-American Activities in its 1943 report.) He stated that many communists in these two organizations who worked in the 1938 campaign were rewarded with political appointments by the successful Administration headed by Governor Olson. When asked for the names of those Communists, he testified as follows:

Mr. Bertholon: "William Plunkert, whom I have mentioned above; James Burford was made assistant to Claudia Williams; Frank Scully, a fellow traveler, who was made assistant director of Institutions; and Mort Newman, who was made director of the Los Angeles N.Y.A.; Morrie Stanley Mosk was made Olson secretary; and I understand that Charles Page was rewarded by Patterson. A number of others were placed in high position by the State Administration, but I do not remember their names."

Mr. Stedman: "Are all the people mentioned above, to your knowledge, members of the Communist Party?"

Mr. Bertholon: "They are, except Morrie Stanley Mosk, who is a sympathizer, but I cannot state definitely that he is a member of the party."

This, then, is the beginning of the political career of Mosk in California.

### SPEAKS AT WORKMAN'S CIRCLE RALLY

The Daily People's World of May 22, 1942 (official organ of the Communist Party) reported that one Stanley Mosk, Executive Secretary to California Governor Olson, was introduced and spoke at a meeting of the Workmen's Circle of Los Angeles. The meeting was held on May 17, in the Philharmonic Auditorium. This information appeared in a letter from one A. Rothblatt, of Los Angeles, who stated that Stanley Mosk "hailed the spirit of comradeship and self-sacrifice which manifests itself and grows during the war emergency period."

Communists and left-wingers, indeed rallied together and made sacrifices during the war (World War II) to guarantee that the Soviet Union won the war. Where is Mr. Mosk's spirit and self-sacrifice today in the fight against the communists from within and without?

The Workmen's Circle characterized itself as "the largest radical workingmen's fraternal order in existence." (New Leader, January 23, 1937). It consists, in the main, of Socialists of various degrees, but all dedicated to a Socialist State. In 1927 a large group of its communist members, who differed in tactics, split away and formed the International Workers' Order. It has been and is today an established Communist front organization.

According to the Daily People's World of May 16, 1943, Stanley Mosk was a scheduled speaker at a meeting for American Soviet Friendship (embryo of "peaceful co-existence." held under the auspices of the International Workers Order and ICOR.

### JUDGES RED ORATORICAL CONTEST

The Daily People's World of February 11, 1944, reported that the Los Angeles Chamber of American Youth for Democracy was conducting an oratorical contest on the 18-year-old vote, and that three persons, namely Superior Court Judge Stanley Mosk, a Los Angeles Assemblyman, and an American Youth for Democracy officer would act as judges at finals of the contest on February 27.



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"The American Youth for Democracy was formed in 1943 to succeed the Young Communist League for the purpose of exploiting to the advantage of a foreign power the idealism, inexperience, and craving to join, which is characteristic of American college youth." (HCUA, April 18, 1947)

According to the People's World of March 23, 1944, Mosk "will speak at a meeting of the Westside District of the International Workers Order at the Hollywood High School Auditorium." He was also to be a guest on May 30, 1943 at a "May Festival" of this subversive group. The principal speaker at this meeting was Dalton Trumbo who was convicted of contempt of Congress.

Mr. Mosk was fully aware that by speaking and being at these meetings, he gave aid and comfort through his prestige and his position to "one of the strongest, the most effective and closely knit organizations among communist front movements....It has contributed large sums of money to Communist Party campaigns, and regularly sponsors Communist-Party endorsed candidates for public office." (Attorney General Francis Biddle in the Congressional Record, Sept. 24, 1942.)

#### MOSK AND THE NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD



STANLEY MOSK

According to the Los Angeles Daily Journal (law journal) of September 12, 1944, Stanley Mosk was a member of the executive board of the Los Angeles Chapter of the National Lawyers Guild. The National Lawyers Guild has a high percentage of communist stalwart members. It consistently espouses Red causes and is one of the major factors contributing to the strength of communism. It has on many occasions been cited

as a communist front. (Special Committee on Un-American Activities Report, March 29, 1944, p. 149)

In recent years, Attorney General Mosk has appointed Lawyers Guild members to his staff. One of these lawyers was Mrs. Vaino Spencer who served as a member of his Advisory Committee on Constitutional Rights since 1959, and then on the California Law Revision Commission since 1960. (See following article on Governor Brown).

According to the California Eagle, he was chairman of the American Jewish Congress meeting held at the Philharmonic Auditorium on January 10, 1945. The Southern California Division of the American Jewish Congress was cited as communist-infiltrated. At its convention in 1948 it went on record against loyalty checks and called for the abolition of the Congressional Committees and the Tenny State Legislative Committee. (These Communist party line policies were continued and enlarged at its 1949 convention.)

#### MOSK AND THE A.C.L.U.

The Attorney General has been guest of honor and featured speaker at many meetings sponsored by the American Civil Liberties Union, an organization that is open to communists and their sympathizers. It is a main target of Red infiltration and is saturated with them. This organization in conjunction with the National Lawyers Guild (cited subversive) has been the protective shield of the conspiracy. It is through the efforts of this infiltrated organization that the communists have been able to continue their work as foreign agents as a "legalized illegality." The following are a few of the meetings that Mosk addressed: October 16, 1948, principal speaker at an anniversary meeting of the ACLU ("Open Forum," publication of the ACLU); May 16, 1955, chaired a meeting at Hollywood Athletic Club (People's World); July 28, 1956, spoke at a testimonial banquet honoring A.L. Wirin, ACLU consul chief, at the Statler Hotel, Los Angeles. Mr. Wirin is a former partner to Leo Gallagher, Los Angeles Communist-lawyer, and is listed in the California Un-American Activities reports for 1943, 1947, 1948, 1949 and the HCUA reports for 1938, 1940, 1941, and 1943. September 23, 1959, Mosk was chief speaker at a meeting of the Marin Chapter of the ACLU held on the Rodger Kent Estate in Kentfield to mark the ACLU's 25th Anniversary in Northern California.

According to Mr. Wirin, "Stanley Mosk is a member of the American Civil Liberties Union." Wirin was the defense lawyer for 15 California Communists on the Smith Act violation. During the trial Wirin stated that his clients were "proud to be Communists." (Los Angeles Herald Express, February 6, 1952.)

## MOSK AND "HOB-NAILED BOOTS"

The Daily People's World of March 7, 1946 quoted Mosk as saying, "The Cahan ruling does not hinder the police but they may now find it necessary to use their heads rather than hob-nailed boots." This statement of Mosk falls in line with the long-standing Communist tactic of trying to cause disrespect for our law-enforcing agencies among the citizens by describing them with related phrases such as "goon squads," "Gestapo," "police state," "police brutality," etc. Talk of this kind by the Attorney General is not surprising, judging from his past and present association and activity. However, it is most interesting when one recalls that when Stanley was executive secretary to Governor Olson he, personally, drew on a check from State funds to pay the agents who planted a dictograph microphone in the hotel bedroom of the then Assembly Speaker Garland and his wife. Garland was at that time Olson's chief Political rival. Mosk tried to shift the blame for this dastardly Soviet tactic to former Rep. John Phillips of Banning. This attempt to assassinate the character of Rep. John Phillips was strongly reprimanded by the assembly committee investigating interference with the legislative by the following report, "The Committee also observes that not excessive zeal or blind loyalty can excuse the rash indiscretion of publicly accusing an innocent person (as in the case of Mr. Phillips) of subversive actions."

Mosk finally admitted his part in this subversive activity and was severely censured by the State Legislature. This is Stanley Mosk, a participant in the most flagrant violation of civil rights, who, today, as Attorney General, has broad and unlimited investigative powers.

## MOSK, NARCOTICS, AND THE CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION

Several months ago, the newspaper headlines screamed that Mosk was to meet with the governor of Baja California, Mexico, in an effort to stop the flow of narcotics from Mexico. He absented himself from his office in line of duty for approximately one week. It is most reliably reported that he chit-chatted with the Governor of Baja for less than three hours, spending the rest of the week hopping around Southern California speaking to left-wing organizations such as the American Civil Liberties Union.

## MOSK AND THE COMMUNIST REGIME IN YUGOSLAVIA

On November 1, 1945, the name of Stanley Mosk appeared on the letterhead of the "American Committee for Yugoslav Relief." This organization was cited by the House Committee on Un-American Activities as a "communist front whose 'collection of funds for relief' was only incidental to, and a cover for, its propaganda activities in behalf of the communist regime in Yugoslavia." (HCUA, H. R. 1951, April 25, 1950.)

The Daily People's World of September 9, 1946, reported that a Citizens Committee to aid Hearst strikers was formed in Los Angeles as negotiations continued between the Herald Express and CIO Newspaper Guildsmen - Stanley Mosk's name was listed among those on this committee. This committee was cited as a communist inspired and dominated group by the California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report 1945, p. 180.

## MOSK CLEARS COMMUNIST TEACHERS

In August, 1959, the House Committee on Un-American Activities served approximately one hundred subpoenas to teachers for the purpose of interrogating them on their communist affiliations. The reports concerning these teachers were rendered useless to the school districts in their screening of possible subversives by an order from Attorney General Mosk dated February 2, 1960: "I recognize that the reports, standing alone, could not be used by the Superintendent of Public Instruction as evidence in any action which might be taken by the State against the individual persons who were the subjects of the various reports...unless one secures the names of the persons submitting such information, and produces such persons as witnesses; the statements, even though they are allegedly from reliable sources, are of absolutely no value and may be completely discounted."

With one stroke of his pen, Mosk has made it impossible to clean out the obviously numerous (107), subversive, "educators" from our school system! He knows very well that to produce these witnesses would almost completely destroy the counterspy activities of those who labor to gather information on this criminal conspiracy. If Mosk were a sincere opponent of Communism he could immediately order an investigation of subversive educator in our educational system.

## MOSK AND FAMILY

An alleged sister of the Attorney General was reported to be a member of the Communist Party (an affidavit to substantiate this charge is available.) His brother, Ed Mosk, is reported through various governmental agencies, to have been associated with more than twenty communist-front organizations, and to have been a leader of the "Independent Progressive Party," an outright communist political front. He also served as an instructor at the People's Educational Center (People's World, June 27, 1947). The P.E.C. was cited as subversive by the U.S. Loyalty Review Board, September, 1948. Mrs. Stanley Mosk was an ardent supporter of the Independent Progressive Party. If the Attorney General is really interested in fighting subversion, he can start by cleaning up his own family.

The above resume of the Attorney General's extreme left background is, of course, fragmentary and incomplete. He does not qualify for the job with which he is entrusted. He seeks reelection. All citizens--Democrats, Republicans and Independents must join together to defeat this pseudo-political charlatan. We must replace him with an Attorney General who is acutely aware of Communist tactics, and willing and able to carry out a strong, two-fisted battle against them.

Mosk has indeed been an aid and comfort to the communists; and is, therefore, greatly responsible for the gains they have been making in this State. On the other hand, Mosk has been openly attacking and investigating patriots and organizations that are aware of the menace, and are doing something about it in an orderly manner.

## MOSK - COMMUNISTS - PERJURY - AND MALFEASANCE IN OFFICE

Identified Red conspirators, Dr. Holland Roberts, Alan Isaksen, and Isabel Cerny violated the election code laws of California and perjured themselves when they filed to run for public office. Attorney General Mosk, though personally aware of these violations, and further notified by complaints, turned his back on this great opportunity to fight communism.

In reply to charges, he stated weakly that his office does not ordinarily try cases of alleged criminal acts on a State level, despite the fact that this deceitful act on the part of communists was in-

controvertibly a violation of a STATE law.

Stanley Mosk wasted taxpayers' money in his disgraceful attack against, and investigation of patriotic organizations; but he does not feel the urgency of investigating the intense penetration of communist conspirators in our State. Which side would the evidence prove he is on? Why is it that Mosk can find the time and facilities to vilify Americanism but never to lift a finger against the Red conspiracy that has promised and vowed to bury us?

## WHY MOSK SEIZED THE SAN DIEGO FILES

For one who had insulted law enforcement officers as Mosk had so vulgarly done in his infamous "hobnailed boots" statement to the People's World, Mosk engaged in an almost unbelievable defiance of law in his audacious seizure of private property in San Diego in early 1962.

On February 14, 1962, state agents, at the behest and approval of Stanley Mosk, swooped down on the San Diego National Guard Armory and seized the files of the non-profit San Diego Research Center and put them in the custody, in effect, of Stanley Mosk. This "hob-nailed boot" tactic of seizure of private property by Mosk is in violation of the most elementary concept of our constitutional rights, the sanctity of our personal property.

This most disgusting and shameful act constitutes malfeasance and misfeasance of office. The seized records have been carefully prepared by the San Diego Research Center for more than three decades. They consist of congressional and state records, newspaper clippings, and various other authoritative documentation which chronologically describes the Red conspiracy in our nation. Mr. Mosk had these files seized because they clearly exposed men such as Mosk, Governor Brown, Alan Cranston, and many other state officers for what they are---opportunistic appeasers and collaborators of those who would destroy us.

The San Diego Research Committee filed a \$250,000 damages suit against the Attorney General and won a decision from the Courts. Mosk cleverly appealed to the higher courts. The hearing is to be delayed until sometime after the elections in November. An astute political trick on the part of "hob-nailed boot" Mosk, since such a hearing now could cloud Mosk's qualifications to hold or run for office.

## MOSK, MOSCOW AND LENIN

descending to almost uncharted depths in "patriot-baiting," Mosk reached all the way to the Kremlin to quote an article in The Literary Gazette of Moscow dated April 14, 1961, which in effect, according to Mosk, stated that "Robert Welch, founder of the John Birch Society and John Birch Society members are helping Communism by fighting Communism," according to Lenin. This is the height of chicanery and mental immaturity on this subject by Mosk. Mr. Mosk should avail himself of the Committee on the Judiciary Report, United States Senate, 87th Congress, dated July 11, 1961. There, he will find that on December 5, 1960 a Red Manifesto adopted in Moscow referred to the anti-communist movement in the United States as a main, if not THE main danger to communist progress in our country. The manifesto then outlined tactics to combat it. "Hammer and sickle" Mosk and his fiendish attacks against intelligent and orderly activities opposing communism conform completely with Kremlin tactics, and directives. The reason the communists have been so successful in America is because they have never been seriously opposed in an organized manner. What Lenin meant (if he ever did make that statement) was that men like Mosk, in ostensibly opposing communism, obviously help the communist cause. Mr. Mosk knows that Lenin, in his writings, urges "the ruthless extermination of all anti-communists."

## MOSK NEGLECT OF OFFICE

Since Mosk is charged with responsibility for preservation of the security of our State, the criminal division of his high office is eminently important. For approximately six months after he took office, Mosk did not even have a director supervising this vital department!

At his eventual convenience, he appointed one Charles S. O'Brien to head up this division. O'Brien, a lawyer with virtually negligible criminal law experience, was, for many years prior, top man in the Western Division of the "Foreign Policy Association," an organization wide open to communists, liberals and pinks of various shades. It was Mr. O'Brien who organized and directed the notorious red-saturated "Great Decisions" groups. These groups have been most successfully used by communists to promote communist objectives.

Almost before O'Brien became oriented to the office of chief crime buster, he resigned to become Governor Brown's administrative secretary. He has since been replaced by two new chief crime-busters.

The last official report reveals that "Great Decisions" O'Brien has resigned as Brown's chief side-kick. And how does he function today? As Mosk's campaign manager!

Small wonder that narcotic peddling, communist activity and crime in general have reached an all-time high in California. Mosk's Criminal Division functions in name only. Mosk has shown a total and unconscionable disregard for the welfare of our state by this neglect. MOSK MUST GO!

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ALAN CRANSTON  
FATHER OF RED C.D.C.



".....We must create a limited world government and DEPOSIT OUR SOVEREIGNTY THERE."

Alan Cranston, State Controller of California, is your State's fiscal officer. He directs a staff of more than 500 accountants, paymasters, and tax collectors; is chairman of the California State Franchise Tax Board, a member of the Board of Equalization, State Lands Commission, Pooled Money Investment Board and other boards and commissions--an enormous responsibility for a man who, virtually unknown before his election in 1958, engaged in a real estate business in Los Altos. He is not even remotely qualified for his

elective office. On the contrary, a meticulous study and perusal of his background indicates his strong affinity for communists and those who espouse the objectives of the communist and left-wing movement generally.

This "intellectual liberal" is running for re-election on the Democratic ticket, heavily financed with key-location painted billboards, and smugly confident that he will win. In fairness to the citizenry, HEADS UP presents the following report on this collectivist egghead, concluding that he not only is unqualified for the office, but actually serves the cause of world socialist government more effectively because he enjoys this high position.

### CRANSTON PRESIDENT OF WORLD FEDERALISTS

As early as 1945, left-wing Cranston was present at the Dublin (New Hampshire) Conference on World Government, which resulted in the establishment of the United World Federalists (U.W.F.) in 1947. On October 1, 1949 Cranston, formerly Director of Americans United for World Government, was elected President of the United World Federalists.

The Dublin Conference assigned Cranston to carry its Declaration to the United Nations delegates in February 1946, laying plans for converting the United Nations Assembly into a world government having direct jurisdiction over our nation and the individual, thereby stripping the United States of its autonomy.

### CRANSTON AT HOME WITH REDS

Ten days after Pearl Harbor, this relatively unknown person "mysteriously" landed a top government job as Chief of the Foreign Language Division of the communist-ridden Office of War Information (O.W.I.). The Attorney General's Office investigation during his short term as CHIEF, revealed that CRANSTON "moves in communist circles" and "that his friends seemed to be fellow travelers with communist sympathies."

Louis Adamic, a dedicated communist propagandist, was a close friend of Mr. Cranston, who has been described by some as "a protege of Adamic's." Cranston worked for Adamic as a writer for COMMON GROUND, magazine for Adamic's Common Council for American Unity. Cranston's writing opposed registration of aliens. Cranston was denounced in Congress because "he came out in support of Communist Harry Bridges...and in many respects parallels the program of the Communist Party."

### COMMIE DAVID KATZ ON CRANSTON'S STAFF

Cranston was instrumental in having communist stalwart David Katz (alias Carr) appointed as Assistant Chief of the Foreign Language Division of O.W.I. A Civil Service Commission memorandum dated June 25, 1943, states, "The various F.B.I. reports on David Katz are summarized as follows: Katz, a brush company employee, formed a close association with the Communist Party, joining it before he was hired by the official Communist organ, the Daily Worker. Mr. Katz admitted to the F.B.I. that he was doing re-write work for the most confidential of all publications of the Communist Party."

### CRANSTON EMPLOYS PAY-OFF MAN FOR SOVIET SECRET POLICE

Cranston's Chief of the Italian Bureau of the Office of War Information was Carlo A. Prato, alias Perini, alias et cetera, expelled from Switzerland as an agent of the Communist International, and listed by the New York Police as "the pay-off man for the Soviet Secret Police." Later, Prato joined hands with CRANSTON and became a pioneer one-worlder with other left-wing "friends."

## CRANSTON, WILLIAM MARGOLIS AND RED DICTATOR, TITO

Of significance, and bearing investigation, is the fact that the O.W.I. starred "one William Margolis, convicted auto thief, self-styled psychopath, pro-Communist radio commentator, fund raiser for the communist political instrumentality, the Progressive Party, in a 'pro-American Office of War Information film and radio propaganda campaign presented as 'A Tribute to Yugoslavia,'" honoring Red Dictator Tito.

## CRANSTON HELPS GAG CRITICISM OF SOVIET RUSSIA

In August, 1943, Eugene Garey of the Committee to Investigate the Federal Communications Commission (F.C.C.) uncovered evidence that a left-wing clique of F.C.C. and O.W.I. employees tried to insure a communist slant to foreign language broadcasts from 200 radio stations throughout the country; and charges were made that Cranston as an O.W.I. official cooperated with this left-wing clique to put a gag on criticism of Russia.

## COMMUNIST-WORLD GOVERNMENT INFLUENCE ON SGT. CRANSTON

The Communist "party line" influence injected itself into Cranston's brief Army career. Red propaganda was conspicuous in Army orientation courses. For example, "Army Talk-Orientation Fact Sheet No. 64," followed the communist line to the letter. This subversive document was officially credited to Lt. Col. Julius Schreiber, but it was the brainchild of Sgt. Alan Cranston, whose initials appear on the original draft. The Daily Worker, official communist organ, quickly reproduced Fact Sheet No. 64.

HEADS UP does not charge that the United World Federalists, Inc., is a communist conspiracy, nor that Mr. Cranston is a communist.

However, CRANSTON was named in Congress as a supporter of Harry Bridges; he opposed the Alien Registration Bill, which the communists are militantly against; he wrote an article which was labelled on the House floor as "parallel to the program of the Communist Party." The Cranston campaign for world government is as dangerous and un-American as the Communist conspiracy.

A one-world government, which would destroy our sovereignty as a nation and would regiment the individual to world government decisions is the epitome of the global communist conspiracy. The leaders of world government movements, including Mr. Cranston, are actually more dangerous than communists because this major objective of communism is so subtle and easily disguised that it is not easily or readily recognized by the citizenry.

During the fall of 1950, Alan Cranston appeared before the House Committee on Foreign Affairs to testify on behalf of world government, "as a business man for millions who have demonstrated support for his objectives." Read the dishonest, bubble-headed double-talk statement on behalf of world government made to the Committee by the man who is now your State Controller, ALAN CRANSTON: ".....Plainly, Resolution 64 does not propose that we give up a shred of sovereignty...it proposes that we create a limited world government and deposit our sovereignty there..."

## CRANSTON, SAMISH AND POLITICAL GANGSTERISM

One Paul C. Smith, left-wing editor of the San Francisco Chronicle during the Warren Administration, had tried in vain to get a pro-one world resolution through the California Legislature; whereupon Alan Cranston, newly elected President of the U.W.F., crawled on his hands and knees onto the lap of Artie Samish in a plea to Artie to use his lobbyist power in Sacramento to pass the resolution.

The conversation between Artie Samish, political gangster, and "amiable" Alan Cranston, was arranged by Paul C. Smith who telephoned Room 428 of the Senator Hotel, lobbying headquarters of Arthur H. Samish. Mr. Samish had tremendous influence in the legislature through the political espionage system he maintained in California. He at one time stated, "To hell with the Governor of the State! I'm the Governor of the legislature." Even Governor Warren (yes! this is the same Governor Warren who today is Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States) stated:

ARTIE SAMISH  
POLITICAL GANGSTER



"To hell with the governor of the State! I'm the governor of the legislature."



"On matters that affect Artie's clients, Artie unquestionably has more power than the governor." Artie Samish is reported to have been the lobbyist for the Anti-Defamation League, and boasts that HE killed the Tenney Loyalty and Anti-Communist Bills which were introduced to impair communist infiltration and sabotage.

The pro-one world government resolution passed unanimously after eleven (11) Assemblymen absented themselves because they were afraid to vote against Samish! The point is, Cranston got his resolution passed, not because the people of California wanted it, but because he went to Samish (who has since served time in the penitentiary) who was powerful enough to force it through for him.

### CRANSTON AND FORGERY

Immediately afterward an aroused citizenry demanded the rescinding of the resolution. A bill to accomplish this was introduced by Senator Hugh Donnelly of Turlock. The U.W.F., disturbed about this attempt to undo their dirty work, organized a telegraphic campaign from their various chapters against dissenting. Mrs. Emily Nolan Jordan, Chapter Leader of the U.W.F. in Palm Springs, boasted that she got out 49 telegrams from members of her chapter. Mrs. Jordan confessed that the U.W.F. was using the communist expediency technique of lying, cheating, and deceiving when she admitted that she had forged all those names. ALAN CRANSTON, during a hearing about this scandal in March 1950, admitted that the forged telegrams were sent with his direction and approval. (He was then State Chairman of the U.W.F.)

### CRANSTON, FATHER OF RED-ORGANIZED AND CONTROLLED CALIFORNIA DEMOCRATIC CLUBS

During the winter of 1952, at a section political commission meeting of the Communist Party, it was revealed to all comrades that Alan Cranston of Los Altos was preparing to form a new organization consisting of California Democratic Clubs (C.D.C.). All communists were instructed to start an exodus from the Independent Progressive Party (I.P.P.--a political party that was the greatest political instrumentality in the history of the Communist Party) into the future C.D.C., and to organize such clubs at the appropriate time. This directive was issued by Louise Todd, who at that time was Secretary of the Political Commission of the Communist Party of California. Similar meetings of the Communist

Party were held and instructions issued throughout all sections (counties).

All communists were also instructed to take with them into the C.D.C. all left-wing sympathetic, liberal, socialistic elements from the Independent Progressive Party.

### COMMIE FORECAST OF CRANSTON PLANS CORRECT

Alan Cranston did INDEED announce and begin to organize his California Democratic Clubs in 1953! Could it be that he had revealed his plans to close friends--namely, communist stalwarts Peter Szego, Dr. Holland Roberts, Ed Ross, and others identified as part of the conspiracy? C.P. members carried out this directive impeccably. They ran a few communist token candidates on the I.P.P. ticket in 1954, and after 1954 the I.P.P. was allowed to wither away, being supplanted by Alan Cranston's California Clubs. A careful perusal of the registration records of I.P.P. members reveals that communists in a body, socialists, liberals, collectivists, U.W.F.--all of those who today espouse and help carry out communist objectives--are now active in California Democratic Clubs. The C.D.C., Cranston's organization, is today the political instrumentality of the communist conspiracy in the State of California, to the chagrin and despair of many good democrats who joined the C.D.C. innocently, and many who would like to, but simply cannot clean house.

The many thousands of communists in California do not stay home evenings reading Marx and Lenin; they are in the C.D.C. working for the Leninist objectives!

### CRANSTON'S RED OBJECTIVES PASS AT FRESNO CONVENTION

The C.D.C. did organize, and now communists direct the policy through hidden identity-policy which is very influential and effective in the Democratic Party. For example, at the 1960 convention of the C.D.C., held in Fresno, California, the entire platform of the Communist Party was adopted in toto.

The C.D.C. in its policy statements and resolutions called for adoption of Cranston's pet resolution: the repeal of the Connally Amendment. This Amendment reserves the right of the United States not to submit to the World Court those issues that are wholly internal. Also favored by the C.D.C. was the long-term aim of Cranston and the Communists--the remolding of the United Nations into a world organization that would enact world law, interpret it, and enforce it on INDIVIDUALS and governments alike.

#### CRANSTON AND REDS SUPPORT DISARMING OUR NATION

The C.D.C. report also asserted the need for the United States to disarm, even if the Soviet Union does not (unilateral disarmament--another Cranston and communist objective). A few more C.D.C. resolutions and policy statements which are communist objectives: establishment of police review boards separate from law enforcement agencies, repeal of loyalty oaths, abolition of the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA), opposition to Congressional actions that could nullify U.S. Supreme Court decisions, request for a review of the conviction of traitor Morton Sobell (sentenced to 30 years for conspiracy to commit espionage), repeal of the Landrum-Griffin Act, and repeal of the Responsible Relative Act.

#### CRANSTON'S CALIFORNIA DEMO CLUBS SATURATED WITH REDS

What about the degree of penetration of communists into Cranston's "political organization?" Within the South Palo Alto Democratic Club, of the initial 25 charter members, 13 are clearly identified hard-core Communist Party members! Other proof of communist control and influence within the C.D.C.:

Allan Isaksen, an officer of one of the clubs and candidate for the State Assembly in the 28th District, was identified in 1960 before the HCUA as a communist.

Peter Szego, professor at Santa Clara University, was elected chairman of the important Resolutions Committee at a convention of the Santa Clara County California Democratic Council. He has also served as Membership Committee Chairman for the ACLU in the Santa Clara County area. He was identified as a Communist stalwart before the HCUA in 1960.

Edward Ross was a president of a C.D.C. club and was accused under oath of being a communist and of having boasted in a cell meeting of "knowing when, where, and what type of missiles are being tested in California."

Ed Beck, Secretary of the San Mateo County National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), leader in the Committee of Racial Equality (CORE) activities instigating sit-ins, demonstrations, picketing in the cause of "desegregation, a consistent delegate to the C.D.C. conventions," was identified under oath as a member of the Communist Party.

Bill Reich, who was secretary of the Alameda County California Demo Club Council and one of the editors of the Communist organ, the *Farm Reporter*, and member of the communist-front organization, the Farm Legislative and Research Committee, has been for more than two decades a loyal, dedicated Communist.

Hugh DeLacy, identified before the HCUA as a communist and recently listed as Vice Chairman of the Constitutional Liberties Information Center, which is a communist front organization, was one of the signers of a submitted application for a charter for the year 1961.

James Burford, who was listed in an application for a charter of the Echo Park Democratic Club, has been identified under oath before the HCUA as being a communist.

Emerson Street, business agent for the AFL-CIO Trade Union Council of Santa Clara County, and member of the State Committee of the C.D. Council, was a close associate of and a campaigner for Alan Cranston. Emerson Street has three times been identified as a communist at Congressional hearings.

The above information presented by Counterspy Karl Prussion is limited to the small communities in which he operated. It is, of course, safe to conclude that this description is widespread throughout the C.D.C., since the Red infiltration directive was delivered in all sections throughout California.



## ALLAN ISAKSEN, PETER SZEGO, AND CRANSTON

A definite link indicating association between Alan Cranston and communists is revealed by the fact that just prior to the 1958 elections, Allan Isaksen, Counterspy Karl Prussion, Peter Szego, Ed Ross, and Elliott Wilson (all identified under oath) met in the home of Allan Isaksen on Colorado Avenue in Palo Alto, for the planning of strategy for Isaksen's election campaign. Szego was instructed to meet with his good friend, Cranston, immediately to arrange for a meeting between Isaksen and Cranston in an effort to solicit Cranston's support in behalf of Isaksen. A later Red cell meeting revealed that such a session was arranged and concluded between Communist Isaksen and Alan Cranston.

The foregoing shocking, most shameful and disgraceful record of Alan Cranston, your State Controller, should be carefully considered in the forthcoming election.

Is Alan Cranston mentally immature on the subject of communist machinations and, therefore, being duped? Or is Cranston deliberately collaborating with the communists?

In either case, CRANSTON DOES NOT QUALIFY FOR STATE OFFICE.

Let us eliminate this man from his present position of authority and trust --- and let's do it NOW!

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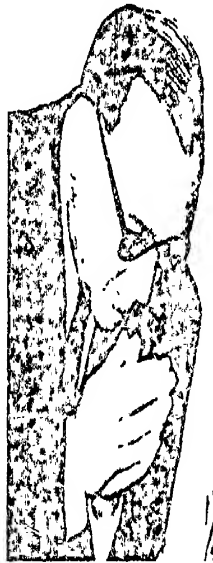
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## III BROWN IS A RED APPEASER . . . . .



"Premier Kruschov, we who admire you, we who respect you, welcome you to California."  
—P. Brown

Governor Pat Brown, over the years, has established an unchallengeable record of collaborating with and appeasing communists from "top to bottom."

"Premier Kruschov, we who admire you, we who respect you, welcome you to California."

These are the words of greeting by Pat Brown, the red-appeasing Governor of our great State to Dictator Kruschov, who rules an empire built of mountains of human skeletons and rivers of blood. Hitler, by comparison, was a Boy Scout!

Brown continued his eulogizing representatives of Communist tyranny on May 8, 1962 by sending a telegram in which he honored Astronaut Titov at a reception arranged by the American Russian Institute, of which Dr. Holland Roberts and Michael Shepovalev (clearly identified communists) are Directors. The telegram was read in a Cheshire-cat manner to a multitude of communists, their sympathizers and red liberals by none other than Holland Roberts, communist international emissary.

### BROWN LAUDS COMMUNIST FRONT AND RED PUBLICATION

On the bottom of the conspiracy, Governor Brown's picture appeared on the front page of the official communist organ for Leninist work among the farmers, THE FARM REPORTER; this was their 20th anniversary edition, published in 1961. A letter from Governor Brown to the Farm Legislative and Research Committee,

## . . . . . FROM TOP TO BOTTOM



"When we spit in the face of an American, he thinks it's dew."  
—N. Kruschov

an official communist organization for work among farmers, appeared below his photograph. He highly commended this Red organization and its press (THE FARM REPORTER) for the superb work they have been doing on behalf of the farmers of America.

Pettis Perry, Chairman of the Farm Commission of the Communist Party, in July, 1951, at a closed meeting of the hierarchy of the conspiracy made the following statement: "Along with the question of building the Party, we must build all of the left and Marxist press. In California we have the Farm Reporter. This should be built into a mass publication. It would be most helpful in advancing our work among the farmers." (Political Affairs, July, 1951)

The editors of this Red propaganda sheet and the leaders of the Farm Legislative and Research Committee are: Mr. Davis, Mr. Reich, and Mrs. McDonald, all three clearly identified as hard-core dedicated communists, loyal to the Soviet Union.

### BROWN AND THE NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD

The National Lawyers Guild was cited as a communist front as far back as 1944. The Governor is a past vice-president of the San Francisco Chapter of the National Lawyers Guild. He left the organization in 1946 because, he said, of its being declared

subversive. However, Brown showed his naive attitude toward communist fronts when, about a year ago, he appointed one Mrs. Vaino Spencer to an Appellate Judgeship in the Los Angeles area. Vaino Spencer, at that time, was a member of the executive board of the Los Angeles area chapter of the National Lawyers Guild. She had also appeared on occasion as counsel for Communists subpoenaed by the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

### LEFTIES SUPPORT BROWN FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL

In 1946, when Brown successfully ran for Attorney General of the State of California, he received widespread support in his campaign from a variety of communist-controlled and catered organizations such as the Hollywood Independent Citizens Committee of Arts, Sciences and Professions, the National Citizens Political Action Committee, and the Conference of Studio Unions.

### BROWN BEATS THE SUPREME COURT ON RELIGION IN SCHOOLS

The American people were justifiably shocked by the recent anti-God decisions of the Supreme Court, however it is not commonly known that Governor Brown, when Attorney General of this State in 1955, PROHIBITED THE USAGE OF THE BIBLE FOR RELIGIOUS PURPOSES IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS. HE ALSO ORDERED THE DISCONTINUING OF THE USE OF THE GIDEON BIBLE AND PREVENTED RELIGIOUS PRAYERS FROM SCHOOL PROGRAMS. Fortunately, most of the school systems ignored Brown's order.

### BROWN URGES STUDENTS TO PRACTICE NON-CONFORMISM

The Governor, in an address to the graduating class of the Santa Clara University, in 1961, in effect urged students to mount the ramparts and to follow the example as set in the San Francisco riots. The students were encouraged by Brown to challenge "the status quo."

The Governor gave an able assist to communist forces on our campuses when he ignored a plea by a large delegation of citizens to prevent communist Frank Wilkinson from appearing on the podium at the University of California.

It is most interesting to note that the Governor today, for opportunistic reasons, is "supporting" the House Committee on Un-

American Activities; however, in actuality he was quoted as telling school officials that they could not fire teachers "who stand on their constitutional rights before witch-hunting committees." (People's World, July 23, 1953)

### BROWN AND COMMUNIST BANQUET

On November 10, 1945, a banquet was held honoring the American Youth for Democracy, an official communist youth organization. Listed among the committee members for this dedication was none other than Governor Brown.

Previous to Brown's endorsement and help on the committee, this organization was cited as communist, therefore the governor must have known that it was Red.

### BROWN AND THE A.C.L.U.

Governor Brown, who has declared himself an enemy of good, patriotic organizations which he describes as "radical rightist, and lunatic fringes" was declared as "working in the American Civil Liberties Union corner" in the December, 1955 New York publication of the American Civil Liberties Union.

The American Civil Liberties Union for decades has been the defensive armor-plate of the communist conspiracy and has been responsible, therefore, for the strengthening and perpetuation of this continuous criminal conspiracy against our government. During the 1962 hearings of the House Committee on Un-American Activities in Los Angeles, some 20 volunteer attorneys of the American Civil Liberties Union represented 57 persons called to testify before the House Committee.

### "CIVIC UNITY" FRONT AND THE GOVERNOR

At one time in his career, the governor was listed with communists as a sponsor of a conference called by the Council of Civil Unity at San Francisco State College. One of the speakers was communist Holland Roberts, who violated the election code of our State when he ran for Superintendent of Public Instruction in 1958, by not declaring that he was a communist. (Governor Brown's administration has not prosecuted this violation to date.)

## BROWN COMFORTS BRIDGES

When District Attorney of San Francisco, the Governor ably supported Harry Bridges' fight against deportation by openly making public speeches on Bridges' behalf and questioning the right of the government to proceed against Bridges.

## GOVERNOR BROWN AND ANOTHER RED LABOR BOSS

One week prior to the 1960 elections, the Governor fraternized with one Emerson Street, Red labor boss in Santa Clara County. Street is the Business Agent for the Santa Clara County A.F. of L.-C.I.O. Council. He wields left-wing power in the California Democratic Council and the Democratic Party because of his position. He was three times identified by three different counter-spies before House Committee hearings as a communist.

Pictures of Governor Brown chatting with Emerson Street in the governor's limousine were widely published. The Governor, by this association, was overnight able to raise the dignity and prestige of this Leninist among thousands of loyal Democrats and union men.

## BROWN AND C.O.R.E.

A few months back, the Governor appeared publicly on the platform with Communist-fronter Martin Luther King at a rally attended by 10,000 plus. This rally was held to gain support in the Negro community for the Congress on Racial Equality (C.O.R.E.) This organization is being successfully used by communists in their attempt, through sit-ins, freedom rides, etc., to provoke a violence in the South that could throw our nation into civil strife. (This is an immediate objective of the communists.) Martin Luther King has been associated with more communist-front organizations than most communists, numbering more than three-score.

Governor Brown's address at the rally spurred on the provocative activities of this communist-infiltrated organization and concluded with a personal donation of \$100 to this cause.

## GOVERNOR BROWN AND CHANCELLOR GALLAGHER

It was the Governor who arranged for the appointment of one Buell Gallagher to the Chancellorship of the Colleges of the State of California. Gallagher was thoroughly exposed as being a detri-

ment to our institutions of higher learning by virtue of his continuous and uninterrupted left-wing associations and activities.

Regardless, the Governor staunchly defended Gallagher, as a victim of right-wing extremism and as a model educator of our young people. Gallagher was described as having appointed two notorious communists as his campaign managers when he ran for public office. Public indignation steadily mounted and met with a rebuff by the governor. Gallagher finally resigned his post over the protests of Governor Brown.

After his resignation, Brown proclaimed that the radical rightists were responsible. Recent investigation not yet published reveals that Buell Gallagher WAS AT ONE TIME ONE OF THE SPONSORS OF THE COMMUNIST CANDIDATE FOR LT. GOVERNOR, LEO GALLAGHER.

## IS BROWN LYING ABOUT F.B.I.?

In reply to many of the inquiries and protests about communist activity directed to him, the Governor has replied with numerous letters in which he assures the citizenry that he knows that the Communist activity is almost non-existent because, he says, "I am in constant communication with the Federal Bureau of Investigation." The Governor is either lying, since all F.B.I. information is available only to the executive branch of the federal government of the United States, according to the laws of our land, or he is illegally obtaining information from this federal investigative agency.

Mr. Mosk, Mr. Brown, and your left-wing Associates:

Your shameful attack against the patriotic John Birch Society and its members, is a lie, a hoax, and a fraud upon the American people, and you know it!

You are the spreaders of hate and fear. You are the ones who are dividing the people, thereby assisting the Communists in their conspiracy. These actions on your part are indeed a disgrace to the high offices you hold, and you are villifying good Americans to divert attention from Communist influence in the Government and politics of California.

Mr. Mosk, you have the power and authority and the duty to call an immediate investigation of Communist influence and control in the California Democratic Clubs, which by Sen. Miller's admission have at least 35 communists (Karl Prussion claims there are thousands), in our educational systems, in our Trade Unions, and other areas in which Communists rear their ugly heads. Mr. Mosk, you recently received the ill-advised endorsement of the Voters Anti-Communist League. You pride in this endorsement. Now, why don't you prove your "dislike" for Communism, by acting now! If you don't, you will continue to bear the description of a left-wing, cheap, political, opportunistic charlatan!

It is obvious, then, since it is certain that Brown has no access to the F.B.I., that he is deliberately using the name of this fine organization in an attempt to cause a false feeling of security, complacency, and indifference to the monstrous communist threat within the State.

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Is it any wonder, therefore, considering the above-mentioned report on these three candidates for public office (which is fragmentary and incomplete) that Brown, Mosk, and Cranston, and others such as Assemblyman Hawkins, O'Connell, Burton, Waldron, etc., are deathly opposed to Proposition 24. The enactment of this amendment to the California Constitution would be a means by which effective action could be taken against communism in politics and the government of our State.

**CALIFORNIANS! GET OUT AND VOTE!**

Let's make NOVEMBER 4, 1962 THE DAY THE DEDICATED COMMUNISTS.....THE FELLOW-TRAVELERS.....THE ONE-WORLDBERS... THE ANTI-ANTI-COMMUNISTS.....THE UNITED WORLD FEDERALISTS.....THE AMERICANS FOR DEMOCRATIC ACTION.....THE AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION.....THE UNELECTED RULERS .....LOST CONTROL OF THE GREAT STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

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## GOVERNOR BROWN - WHOSE PLATFORM ARE YOU FOLLOWING?

Governor Brown as the leader of the Democrats in California is responsible for carrying out his party's platform; this with the aid of the Executive branch of the state government which includes Morris Mosk and Alan Cranston.

The party platform titled "The American Way to Jobs, Peace, Democracy," refers to the standard cliches on "Crisis, McCarthyism and Big Business control of the Republican party." The platform stresses: "To combat depression we urge the defeat of all wage cut attempts and a militant struggle by labor to raise wages on all levels, to shorten the work week without a reduction in weekly earnings, and to curb speed-up. We advocate the lowering of consumer prices, an end to rent gouging, and a shift of the tax burdens to the rich." The platform further calls for "An anti-depression program," and "requires government protection of home owners, small farmers, and small business from mortgage foreclosures and bankruptcy. It requires a government guarantee of 100% price parity and crop insurance for small and middle sized farmers, and government loans at low interest rates to small business and needy farmers." The platform continues, "The Government has the responsibility to guarantee jobs and living standards." Witness these other planks: "We propose a substantial increase in unemployment and old age benefits; special measures to keep our youth from becoming a jobless generation and to guarantee all our youth free and equal educational opportunities; a federal health program; and a large scale federal program of flood control, conservation, power dam development, and rural building....." "We favor the extension of credit to bolster world trade and to help overcome the hunger and underdevelopment of the colonial lands....."

"If there were no poll tax Dixiecrat congressmen in Washington, there would also be a better chance to get improved social security legislation, price and rent controls, more federal aid to education, a federal housing program, greater aid for the unemployed and the aged, and far more equitable tax laws.....We further urge federal civil rights legislation to outlaw the poll tax".

The platform winds up with such patriotic and humanitarian pronouncements as: "We proclaim our fraternity with all peoples who have pioneered the new frontiers of human history toward socialism....."

Wonder why "New Frontiers" wasn't capitalized?...The answer is simple: this is not the Democrat platform of 1960 which it so closely resembles, but the draft platform of the COMMUNIST PARTY U.S.A., drawn up in 1954.

Six years before the "New Frontier", (and only four years before Edmund G. (Patrick Henry) Brown became Governor of the State of California) the Communists had not only drafted the whole social and economic platform of the Democrat party, they had also coined the label of "New Frontier". Quite a coincidence, isn't it?

GOVERNOR BROWN WHOSE PLATFORM ARE YOU FOLLOWING?

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Beverly Hills, California

Dear [Redacted]

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Your letter of October 15, 1962, with enclosure,  
has been received, and the thought prompting your communication  
is appreciated.

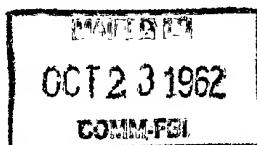
With respect to your inquiry concerning Mr. Karl  
Prussion, I would like to advise that he has never been a Special  
Agent of this Bureau; however, he did furnish information to the  
FBI on a confidential basis from 1949 to 1958 and was compensated  
for his services.

For your further interest, I am enclosing several  
additional items on the topic of communism along with your stamped,  
self-addressed envelope which you so thoughtfully forwarded.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director



Enclosures (5)  
"An American's Challenge" 10-9-62  
Communism---Slavery of Mind and Spirit  
Why Reds make friends with businessmen  
4-17-62 Internal Security Statement

(See Note next page)

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NOTE: By incoming dated 3-20-62, correspondent inquired about statement by Inspector William C. Sullivan concerning communist penetration of America's religious institutions. Outgoing dated 3-26-62 referred her to "Masters of Deceit" wherein a statement concerning churches as a continued target for the communist movement was furnished. Also, literature was enclosed. (62-105457-357) Karl Prussion was a security informant of the San Francisco Office and was discontinued in 1958 after he disclosed his informant status to newspapers. (61-9152)



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Beverly Hills, California

October 15

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington 25, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover,

Mr. Karl Prussion who claims to have been a  
counterspy for the FBI for twelve years has written a book "California,  
Dynasty of Communism". Mr. Prussion lives in Los Altos, Calif.

A local newspaper article cast some doubts on  
Mr. Prussion's status with the FBI. Is it true that he was a counterspy  
for the bureau over a period of time? It is difficult to know what to  
believe and whom to trust.

I have heard Mr. Prussion speak on two or three  
occasions and he appeared to be a man of integrity. A self-addressed  
stamped envelope is enclosed so that I may receive an early reply.

Thank you.

Yours truly

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BEVERLY HILLS, CALIFORNIA

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington 25, D.C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover

Mr. Karl Prussian, aka "Clam", to  
have been a counterespionage for the FBI  
for twelve years has written a book  
"California, Dynasty of Communism". Mr.  
Prussian lives in Los Angeles, Calif.

A local newspaper article cast some  
doubts on Mr. Prussian's status with  
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Chula Vista, California

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of October 18, 1962, has been received, and I deeply appreciate your generous comments regarding my administration of the FBI.

For your information, Karl Prussion assisted this Bureau by furnishing information on subversive activities from November, 1949, to July, 1958, during which time he was compensated; however, he was not a Special Agent. His personal ventures and his opinions and comments are strictly his own and the FBI is not in a position to comment on these in any way whatsoever.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Chula Vista, Calif.  
October 18th, 1962

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

Please allow me to commend you for the many years of faithful service to our country.  
All Americans are indeed deeply indebted to you.

I have invited a former counter-spy or informant to speak to my Lodge brothers and  
would appreciate a letter from you confirming his work with your Dept. His name is Karl  
Prussion and I believe he is a resident of Palo Alto.

I would need this letter before Nov. 1st if at all possible. Thank you very much  
for your time and the trouble ..... I realize that you are certainly a busy citizen.

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Sincerely,

Americanism Committee  
Chula Vista Elks Lodge #2011

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La Jolla, California

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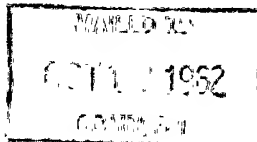
Your letter of October 11th has been received and the thoughts prompting you to write are indeed appreciated.

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Sincerely yours,

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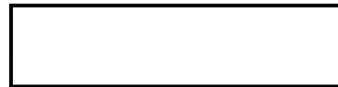
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La Jolla, California

Oct 11 '62

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover-  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington - D. C

Dear Sir-

Last night Oct 10th- some two hundred people gathered at the parish house hall of the Catholic Church-, Girard Ave, in La Jolla - Calif to hear a talk on the dangers of Communist control in America by an "ex FBI counter spy" - Karl Prussion - the talk strongly slanted against this country's leadership, - past and present - Mr. Prussion made frequent references to Mr. Hoover's book, - seeking to create the impression that only he (Mr Prussion) and other dedicated anticommunists like him - were profiting by Mr Hoover's admonitious largely ignored by our liberal leadership. He particularly attacked America's churchmen, - the Union Theological Seminary - numerous professors at Stanford University. He admitted that he had a criminal record for which he said he had made his peace with God and he asked the audience's forgiveness as well! - He was, he admitted, an ex-communist and could, therefor, speak with authority on his subject.

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I asked at door what organization sponsored this talk and was told it was sponsored by no organization - I asked who made the arrangements and was told "[redacted]" - "a resident of La Jolla" - I asked who paid Mr Prussions expenses and was told there was no expenses, - that Mr. Prussion paid his own. -

A question period followed the talk and, as I left, there was a question - "For whom should we vote"? This didnt receive a direct answer but the best hope for the country was, of course, to be found in the extreme right wing- "Peaceful coexistence is impossible and "the only right course would be to sever relations with the Soviet Union" - and demand that our allies do likewise.

What protection is there against a man of this sort who seeks to create the impression that he is sponsored by the FBI if not by Mr Hoover himself, whose book he strongly commends?

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It would seem to me that a statement of repudiation  
from the FBI in the local paper would be in order.

Very Sincerely Yours

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[Redacted Signature]

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The audience seemed dull, I thought, not responsive tho there was  
prolonged applause at the close.

LA JOLLA, CALIFORNIA

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington - D.C.

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San Diego 15, California

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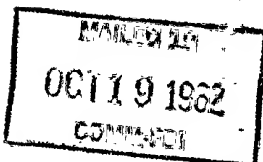
I received your letter of October 12th and appreciate the interest prompting you to write me.

In response to your inquiry, Mr. Karl Prussion furnished information concerning subversive activities on a confidential basis to this Bureau from 1940 to 1953, during which time he was compensated; however, he was not a Special Agent of the FBI. His personal ventures and his opinions and comments are strictly his own and do not represent this Bureau in any manner.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director



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NOTE: Bufiles contain no information identifiable with correspondent.

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San Diego 13  
October 12, 1962

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, District of Columbia

Dear Mr. Hoover:

A pamphlet entitled California Dynasty of Communism is being circulated in the California gubernatorial campaign. It charges the present governor Edmund Brown, the attorney general Stanley Mosk, the state controller Alan Cranston, and other state officials with communist associations and sympathies.

The author, Karl Prussion, claims to have been a counterspy for the F.B.I. for a period of twelve years. The pamphlet states that he "secured permission to leave the service of the Bureau in order to carry his story to the public."

This statement intimates that his present activities have the unofficial blessing of the Bureau. I would like to know to what extent this intimation has validity. Thank you.

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Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

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October 31, 1962

Long Beach 15, California

Dear [REDACTED]

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Your letter of October 25th has been received, and I appreciate the interest prompting you to write as you did. Mr. Karl Fruscion assisted this Bureau by furnishing information on subversive activities from November, 1949, to July, 1958, during which time he was compensated; however, he was not a Special Agent of the FBI. His personal ventures, opinions and comments are strictly his own and in no way represent this Bureau.

The Communist Party in this country has attempted to infiltrate and subvert every segment of our society. However, the Party's efforts are being thwarted by the FBI's internal security program, by investigation, arrest and prosecution of Party functionaries and by widespread, intelligent public opposition to the communist philosophy. These achievements are being accomplished through orderly, legal procedures.

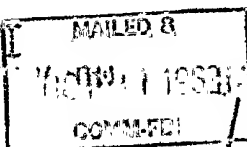
Communism continues to be a threat to our Nation, and I feel that our citizens should make an effort to gain a broad knowledge of the origin, aims and methods of the communist conspiracy in order that they will be able to effectively resist its eroding influences. Perhaps you will be interested in reading my books, "Masters of Deceit" and "A Study of Communism," which provide information concerning the history of communism and also an insight into the true nature of this evil conspiracy.

Enclosed is some literature I hope will be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

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J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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**Enclosures**

**Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality**

**Let's Fight Communism Sanely!**

**Do You Really Understand Communism?**

**What You Can Do To Fight Communism**

**The Communism Party Line**

**NOTE:** Correspondent cannot be identified in Bufiles. His question as to whether or not he should seek information concerning persons in public office or running for public office from sources other than the newspapers is being intentionally ignored.

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Long Beach 15, Calif  
Oct. 25, 1962

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington 25, D.C.

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DATE 4/24/00 BY SP2AKM/ely

Dear Mr. Hoover:

You must be aware of a controversy here in California regarding a book by Mr. Karl Prussion, Titled, 'California Dynasty of Communism'.

I attended a lecture by Mr. Prussion. I am convinced he is trying to perform a service to the people of this state. In his book he states that Gov. Brown belongs to certain communist fronts, Gov. Brown has not denied this. I do not seek to involve you in this matter, but I do wish to check whether or not Mr. Prussion was a counterspy for the F.B.I. Also, do you have any comment regarding the service this man rendered.

I am trying to convince a friend that we need to find the truth about the candidates so we can be careful not to vote for any one who in anyway would protect the communists.

Is it your opinion that there are enough communists in this country, infiltrated into key positions, to be a threat to the survival of this republic? Should we seek other sources of information besides the newspapers to find the truth regarding the people who are in public office or seeking public office?

An answer at your earliest convenience would be most helpful.

Mr. Tolson  
Mr. Belmont  
Mr. Mohr  
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Very respectfully yours

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